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THE LATEST NEWS.

Condensed Telegrams from All Quarters.

—King Kalakaua arrived at Omaha yesterday, on his way to San Francisco.

—The Georgia Legislature has passed resolutions denouncing the use of the military in Louisiana.

—Salinas valley, Cal., is under water. Great damage has been done to property. No loss of life is reported.

—R. Farley, a traveler from Erie, Pa., committed suicide at Omaha last Wednesday night. Cause—destitution.

—The New York *Evening Post* announces the suspension of the Boston dry goods jobbing house of Heath, Anderson & Co.

—A snow-slide in the mountains near Genoa, Nevada, buried forty Chinaman wood cutters. Twenty-eight were killed.

—George Bingham, of Pittsburgh, has been re-elected President of the Expressmen's National Association. The next convention will be held in Boston.

—Edwin N. Lewis, trustee of the Jay Cooke estate, has commenced paying a dividend of 5 per cent. in cash to the creditors of the estate whose claims were audited and approved up to December 31 last. A large number of creditors have been paid this dividend, which is the practicable beginning of the settlement of the estate.

—In the Superior Court in Boston, in the case of the State of Massachusetts against the Northern Central Railroad Company to recover one-half of one per cent. of the gross receipts as State tax, involving a large amount, Judge Dobbin gave a decision against the State, declaring the tax arbitrary and greatly exceeding the assessments on other property in the State.

—The Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce has adopted a resolution favoring an appropriation of $100,000 by Congress for the improvement of the harbor of Charleston, S. C.; also a report of a committee favoring the location of a branch mint at Cincinnati, and asking the Ohio members in Congress to urge the passage of the bill for that purpose now before the House.

UTAH.

ANOTHER SNOW SLIDE.

SIX MEN CARRIED AWAY.

SALT LAKE, January 21.—Another snow slide occurred in Big Cottonwood Canyon yesterday evening near the Richmond mine. Part of the teams engaged in "snaking" down or in raw hides were caught by the slide. Six men, named Thos. H. Broderick, Wm. Ritter, Chas. Dabble, James Breeze, Henry Atkins and Reuben Moore, were carried away, and their bodies have not yet been recovered. Geo. McCaulen and Thomas White were carried away and covered with snow, but were dug out afterwards, and their lives saved. The slide extended for a distance of about one mile, and was about two hundred yards wide.

Yesterday the bodies of six persons killed by the snow slide in the city of Alta were recovered. Many more are supposed to have perished, but their bodies are covered to a great depth by snow. They will probably not be found for some time. In one demolished house was found the body of Mrs. Corry, sitting in a rocking chair, with an infant clasped in her arms; near them were the husband and a little girl. All had been suffocated by snow. At another house a man was dug out alive. Another man who had been sleeping beside him in bed was dead. Still another body was found in the vicinity. There is terror in the mining camps. Most of those who can get away will probably leave, but this is a difficult and dangerous undertaking, as parties will have to walk and run the gauntlet of snow-slides on their way out of the canyons.

FROM EUROPE.

SPAIN.

Still Surrendering.

BAYONNE, January 21.—Forty-seven Carlist officers notified the Spanish Consul that they have given in their adhesion to King Alfonso.

The King's Salary.

MADRID, January 21.—King Alfonso's civil list has been fixed at 28,000,000 reals.

A Petition for Amnesty.

MADRID, January 21.—The Carlist General Palacios has petitioned for amnesty.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Efforts to Preserve the Peace.

LONDON, January 21.—The *Globe* says all the Powers are striving to insure a pacific arrangement of the difficulty between Turkey and Montenegro.

Terrible Boiler Explosion.

LONDON, January 21.—A boiler explosion occurred in a factory at Tormorden, Yorkshire, to-day. Five persons were killed and fifty injured.

SOUTH AMERICA.

Revolution in Uruguay.

LONDON, January 21.—The following dispatch has been received at the Rio Plata Bank, from Montevideo: The Uruguayan Government has fallen, and the rebels are in power. There is general alarm, and business is suspended. The British squadron is in the harbor. Pedro Varela, President of the Senate, has been elected Provisional President of the Republic.

SWITZERLAND.

Religious Disturbances.

GENEVA, January 21.—Disturbances have occurred over the baptism of children by Old Catholics in two villages of this canton, and the presence of troops is necessary to preserve order.

CHICAGO.

False Financial Rumors.

CHICAGO, January 21.—WM. HY. SMITH, General Agent, bankers and other business men of this city have been in receipt to-day of numerous telegrams from New York, stating that reports and rumors were in circulation there to the effect that there was an impending financial crisis or panic here. These reports were doubtless set afloat for a purpose, as there is not and has not been the slightest foundation for them. The suspension on Tuesday last of the Cook County National Bank did not create the least ripple of excitement in financial or business circles, and not a bank in the city is in any way involved by the suspension. The business of the city is going on as smoothly and safely as at any previous time, and no apprehensions of financial troubles are felt in any quarter.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Trouble in Edgefield County.

AUGUSTA, January 21.—General M. C. Butler's residence, in Edgefield county, South Carolina, was burned recently. The incendiary confessed that a colored militia captain, named Tennant, hired him to fire the building. A warrant was issued for the arrest of Tennant, but he resisted the colored constable, who called upon General Butler for a *posse*. The General and eight men accompanied the constable to Tennant's retreat, when they were fired upon. The fire was returned, and three negroes were wounded, two mortally. Tennant and his partisans then fled. Trouble is apprehended.

FIRST EDITION.

FORTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

(SECOND SESSION.)

The Proposed Constitutional Amendment.

The "Little Tariff Bill" Passed by Both Houses.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, January 21, 1875.

Coast Defenses.

The Vice President laid before the Senate the message of the President in regard to strengthening the coast defenses, similar to that read in the House of Representatives yesterday. Referred.

Mileage.

Mr. WRIGHT, from the Committee on Civil Service and Retrenchment, reported adversely on the bill to abolish the system of mileage, and was indefinitely postponed.

Pension for Mrs. Cushing.

Mr. CRAGIN reported back the petition of the widow of the late Commander Wm. B. Cushing for a pension, with a recommendation that it be referred to the Committee on Pensions. So ordered.

Bills Introduced.

Mr. MORRILL introduced a bill for the relief of certain creditors of the District of Columbia. Referred.

Mr. DENNIS introduced a bill to incorporate the Washington City & St. Louis Railroad Company. Referred.

The Chair called on the committees for business on the calendar.

The President's Salary.

Mr. HAMLIN, from the Committee on Civil Service and Retrenchment, reported adversely on the bill to reduce the salary of the President of the United States, with a request that it be placed on the calendar with the adverse report. So ordered.

The Proposed Amendment to the Constitution.

The unfinished business, being the resolution from the Committee on Privileges and Elections proposing an amendment to the Constitution in regard to the election of President and Vice President, was called up.

Mr. MORTON said this was a subject entirely above all party considerations; men of all parties could address themselves to it independently of the excitement which now pervades the country. The proposition was to amend the Constitution so as to bring the election home to the people as near as possible, and at the same time avoid the dangers which are threatened by the present mode. When he looked back over the history of the country, it was a matter of surprise to him that there had been so little trouble resulting from the imperfection of our system. There was no power now in Congress or in the States to settle contested election cases of electors. Many of the elections might be and were marked with fraud, violence and tumult, and there was no power to correct the evil. He pointed out at some length the imperfections of the present system, and said under it too much power was vested in the hands of the Vice President, or President of the Senate, to whom the electoral votes must be sent under seal. Six times it had happened that the Vice President had counted the votes when he himself was a candidate. John Adams counted the vote and declared himself elected in 1797. Jefferson counted the vote in 1801 when there was a tie. Suppose there had been two sets of electors there from any one State, one set making a tie vote and the other electing Jefferson. There was no power to prevent him from counting the vote which would have elected him. Again, in 1821 Tompkins, who was a candidate, counted the vote. In 1827 Van Buren did the same thing and declared himself elected. In 1841 Johnson counted the vote, and in 1861 Breckenridge did so. Although the count had been honest in all these cases, an instance might arise when dishonesty on the part of the Vice President would elect. It did not seem to have occurred to the framers of the Constitution that there might be two sets of delegates, or fraud in their election.

He next referred to the counting of the vote in the presence of the two Houses of Congress, and said that the two Houses of Congress were witnesses only. They could not act as a joint convention. As to the dangers and difficulties which attended the present system, they were many. In case of death or non-attendance of the electors from any State, other electors from that State might fill the vacancies. Suppose the electors from any State were evenly divided, and if one died or failed to attend, the other side could select one and thus have a majority on their side. A majority of one could cast the entire vote of the State of New York, and two and a half million people might be utterly silent in their vote for President. Under the present system ten States could elect the President of the United States. It was now an election by States, not a national election. In 1856 there were thousands of Republicans in the South who did not vote because there was no electoral ticket in the field there for Fremont and Dayton. Under the present system many men were practically disfranchised, because there were not men enough in their State of their own way of thinking to put an electoral ticket in the field.

He sent to the Clerk's desk and had read the twenty-second joint rule of Congress in regard to the counting of the electoral vote, and said it was grossly unconstitutional. It was the intention of the framers of the Constitution to make the election of President independent of Congress; but this twenty-second rule made the election of President depend upon either house of Congress, as either house under this rule could prevent the counting of the vote of any State. In case the House was Democratic and the Senate Republican, the former might throw out the Republican States and the latter throw out the Democratic States, until no votes were left, and then the election would be thrown into the House of Representatives. An election by the House of Representatives had been twice tried, and both times the country came very near being shipwrecked. In the election by the House, Nebraska, with her 42,000 people, would have the same vote in electing a President as New York with her 5,000,000 inhabitants. Under the present system of election the electoral vote never approached within ten per cent. of the popular vote, and in some instances it varied as much as thirty per cent.

He reviewed at some length the report of the committee which accompanies the proposed amendment.

Mr. THURMAN said the danger to which the country was subjected had not been exaggerated by the Senator from Indiana, but it seemed to him (Thurman) that that the remedy proposed really failed to meet the danger. That there might be frauds in elections, with the experience of Louisiana before the country, he thought needed no proof. The greatest danger of all was the counting of the vote for President here in Washington. If the election of President at the last count had depended upon the vote of Louisiana or Arkansas, the whole country might have become involved in a civil war, and so in 1869, when the acting Vice President announced that the vote of Georgia should be counted if it did not change the result, but if it did change the result, it should be rejected. He was much surprised when he looked at the report presented by the committee and saw that it provided for no trial for the settlement of contested election cases in the Electoral College.

Mr. MORTON said some of the members of the committee were in favor of having the Supreme Court of the United States settle such cases. Other members thought the Circuit and District Courts of the United States might decide them, and others that a special tribunal should be created by Congress for this purpose. The committee had, therefore, come to the conclusion to leave the whole matter to Congress for action.

Mr. THURMAN said he was not willing to confide this great power to Congress. He wanted it to be provided for in the Constitution. The laws to operate on this great subject should not be at the mercy of any dominant party. He thought the report was manifestly defective in this particular. Another matter which required great consideration was the fact that the proposed amendment provided for sweeping changes in the election of President. He did not refer to the abolition of the Electoral College. That was a small matter. But it provided that plurality should elect, instead of majority. When Congress took into consideration the great powers of the Chief Magistrate, it should take care to move slowly in making changes of such importance. He asked that the resolution might be laid over to give Senators an opportunity to examine it closely.

Mr. CONKLING said he heartily concurred in several things said by the Senator from Ohio. The next Presidential election was less than two years from now, and no Senator thought the proposed amendment would become part of the Constitution first, by the action of the two Houses of Congress, and then by the action of three-fourths of the States, in season to enable Congress to establish any tribunal for the settlement of contested election cases, as it proposed. He then referred to the twenty-second joint rule, and said few lawyers would deny that some of its provisions were at least questionable. Without going into the merits of the proposed amendment, he would say that Congress would fall short of an urgent and important duty if the 4th of March should witness the dissolution of the two Houses without having devised some mode better than this twenty-second joint rule for ascertaining the will of the people in regard to the choice for President.

Pending the discussion, Mr. THURMAN moved that further consideration of the resolution be postponed until the first Monday in February, but as the Senator from Indiana (Morton) was not there in his seat, he did not ask a vote.

The Mouth of the Mississippi.

Mr. DAVIS presented a resolution directing the Secretary of War to furnish the Senate a detailed statement of the amounts appropriated since 1870 for the improvement of the mouth of the Mississippi river, Fort Jackson and Fort St. Philip, giving the name of and the amount paid to each person, date of payment, etc. Agreed to.

The Navy.

Mr. CRAGIN, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported adversely on the resolution of Mr. Hamlin to appoint a joint commission to inquire into the condition of the navy of the United States, and the committee was discharged from further consideration.

After an executive session, adjourned.

HOUSE.

Indian Appropriation.

After the presentation of a large number of memorials and resolutions of little public interest, the question came up of reconsidering the vote by which the Indian Appropriation bill was rejected yesterday. The vote was reconsidered—yeas 166, nays 81.

Mr. HALE (Me.) moved to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions to report it back with the Choctaw amendment struck out.

The motion was rejected—yeas 120, nays 139.

Mr. HOLMAN moved to lay the bill on the table.

Not agreed to—yeas 114, nays 132.

The bill was again rejected—yeas 120, nays 126.

The vote rejecting the bill was again reconsidered without the yeas and nays, and finally the bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole on the State of the Union—yeas 142, nays 102.

The Speaker stated that the bill went to the Committee of the Whole as an entirely new bill, subject to amendment.

A Polygamous Delegate.

Mr. SMITH (N. Y.), from the Committee on Elections, made a report in the case of the Delegate from Utah, with a resolution to exclude him from his seat on the ground of polygamy. Ordered printed.

The Recusant Witness Released.

Mr. DAWES presented a letter from Chas. A. Wetmore, the witness who was yesterday committed for contempt, and intimated that the apology therein contained was satisfactory. He therefore moved his discharge.

The motion was agreed to and the discharge of Wetmore ordered.

The "Little Tariff Bill."

Mr. MAYNARD, presented a report of the Conference Committee on what is known as the "little tariff bill."

Mr. MAYNARD proceeded to explain the report and the modifications which it proposes to make in the existing customs duties.

Mr. BECK said that, as a member of the Conference Committee, he had declined to sign the report, because the House had given up to the Senate everything that was of value in the original bill, and accepted from the Senate things that ought not to have been put in the bill. He did not think there was a single amendment which it made to the existing bill that was beneficial; or if there was, it was of such slight value that the House ought not to adopt the report. The only material difference between this conference report and the one which the House voted down last session by 136 to 40 was that this report increased the duty on hops from five cents to eight cents per pound, and this report was just that much worse than the last one. The proposition to increase from fifty to sixty per cent. the duties on silks and on goods of which twenty-five per cent. is cotton, he characterized as a "little bit of steal," got up for the benefit principally of three manufacturers in New Jersey. He believed that that provision would result in the loss of two millions of revenue.

Mr. KASSON expressed his dissent from the views expressed by Mr. Beck, and gave it as his opinion that the bill would result in an increase of the revenue.

Mr. BURCHARD opposed the bill, and expressed the opinion that the clause as to mixed silk goods containing twenty-five per cent. in value of cotton would act as an absolute prohibition of that class of goods.

Mr. KELLOGG dissented from Mr. Beck's opinion that the bill would diminish the revenue, and was in itself a proper measure. He hurled back on the Democratic from Kentucky his charge of theft in connection with mixed silks, and branded the opponents of that provision as maintaining an open hog for free draughts on the treasury and on the purse of the people.

Mr. COX thought that the bill was not worth considering, but that it was a miserable jobbing bill.

Mr. DAWES said the bill would, according to the calculations of the Treasury Department, increase the revenue about a million dollars in the wine provision and silk provision by bringing the administration of the law back to its original intent. But something more would have to be done in due time. He was quite certain they would be compelled to put back the duty on tea and coffee, and either repeal the ten per cent. reduction on certain manufactured goods or increase the duty on whisky.

Mr. BECK remarked that in the bill agreed to by the Committee of Ways and Means and by the House, the twenty-five per cent. of cotton in mixed silk goods referred to quantity, but that the Senate had changed it into twenty-five per cent. of value—a very different thing.

Mr. DAWES replied that in the House bill it was not designated whether that twenty-five per cent. ment quantity or value, but that the former meaning would be an absurdity.

After further debate the conference report was agreed to—yeas 136, nays 99.

A motion to reconsider was made and laid on the table. The bill now goes to the President for his signature.

Adjourned.

SENATORIAL ELECTIONS.

NEBRASKA.

OMAHA, January 21.—Joint legislative convention to-day. Fourth regular ballot. Thayer, 21; Dundy, 18; Paddock, 6; Mason, 3; scattering, 2. Adjourned.

MICHIGAN.

LANSING, January 21.—Isaac P. Christiancy was to-day elected United States Senator by one majority. The vote is as follows: Christiancy, sixty-seven; Chandler, sixty-three; Bagley, three.

MINNESOTA.

ST. PAUL, January 21.—The vote for Senator to-day was as follows: Ramsey received 58, losing 3; Donnelly 52, gaining 1; Davis holds his 24. The explanation of Pettit, chairman of the Republican Central Committee, on the balloting on Ramsey, created a profound sensation. There is a prospect of a general scattering to-morrow.

TENNESSEE.

NASHVILLE, January 21.—The two Houses met in convention at noon, and proceeded at once to ballot for United States Senator. After the third ballot to-day Mr. Savage was withdrawn. Fifth ballot: Johnson, 33; Brown, 14; Stevens, 17; Bate, 17; Ewing, 8; Quarles, 8; Kennedy, 1. Sixth ballot: Johnson, 33. Seventh ballot: Johnson, 34. Eighth ballot, Johnson, 32; Brown, 13; Stevens, 18; Bate, 19; Ewing, 8; Quarles, 8.

WISCONSIN.

MADISON, WIS., January 21.—The caucus to nominate a United States Senator met to-night. Twenty of the supporters of Washburn failed to attend. The caucus adjourned till to-morrow, when a candidate for United States Senator will be nominated. The supporters of Washburn threaten to bolt, and it is said will offer to unite with the Democrats to elect Judge Cole, of the Supreme Court, or J. C. Sloan, Attorney General. The friends of Carpenter are confident that he can secure a majority in the Legislature.

THE WEATHER.

OFFICE OF THE OBSERVER,
UNITED STATES SIGNAL SERVICE,
PITTSBURGH, Pa., January 21, 1875.

Local Observations.

Time.	Bar.	Ther.	Humidt.	Wind.	Weather.
7 A. M.	30.11	28	88	E.	Foggy.
2 P. M.	29.93	40	83	S.	Thr'ng.
9 P. M.	29.84	41	91	S.	L.

Mean Barometer, 29.93.
Mean Thermometer, 37.
Highest Thermometer, 42.
Lowest Thermometer, 19.

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Daily Bulletin.

OFFICE OF OBSERVATORY,
PITTSBURGH, Jan. 21, 1874, 10:48 P. M.

The weather at Cairo was cloudy, ther mometer 45; Cincinnati, O., light rain, thermometer 45; Davenport, clear, thermometer 17; Indianapolis, Ind., threatening, thermometer 38; Keokuk, Iowa, cloudy, thermometer 26; Louisville, Ky., clear, thermometer 27; Louisville, Ky., light rain, thermometer 45, Memphis, Tenn., threatening, thermometer 55; Nashville, Tenn., light rain, thermometer 54; Omaha, Neb., clear, thermometer 19; Pittsburgh, Pa., light rain, thermometer 41; Shreveport, La., fair, thermometer 62; St. Louis, Mo., cloudy, thermometer 36; St. Paul, clear, thermometer 1; Vicksburg, Miss., threatening, thermometer 65; Yankton, D. T., clear, thermometer 10; Fort Gibson, fair, thermometer 39, North Platte, clear, thermometer 19.

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WAR DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER,
WASHINGTON, D. C., 1 A. M., Jan. 22, 1875.

Probabilities for To-day.

In the Middle States and lower lake region, south to west winds, cloudy weather and rains, except partly as snow over the northern portion of this area, followed by rising barometer, with falling temperature in the latter district, but generally higher than on Thursday in the former.

SECOND EDITION

FROM WASHINGTON

Senator Morton's Constitutional Amendment.

A Congressional Committee Discussing Southern Affairs.

The Northern Pacific Railroad

The Pacific Mail Investigation.

Irwin on the Witness Stand.

How the Money Was Distributed.

Special to Pittsburgh Gazette.

WASHINGTON, December 21, 1875.

Senator Morton's Constitutional Amendment.

This morning Senator Morton called up his constitutional amendment regulating the method of electing the President, and made a powerful speech supporting it, showing the dangers of the present method and the unfairness of an election by the House, where Nevada, with 42,000 inhabitants, has the same power as the State of New York with 5,000,000 people, and where forty-five members, representing the smallest States, could combine and elect the President against the wishes of 247 Representatives of all large States.

Southern Affairs.

The committee of nine on the condition of the Southern States, appointed by the Republican caucus of the House on the 8th inst., have been in session daily, thoroughly discussing the subject in its numerous aspects, and have fully agreed to sustain President Grant from the beginning to the end, and will so report to the caucus next Saturday. The report of the Committee will be such as will command the support of every true Republican.

Aid to Pacific Railroads.

Ex-Senator Wade, of Ohio, and Judge Rice, of Maine, who are at the head of the Northern Pacific Railroad matter, held a conference with several Senators this afternoon concerning the Northern Pacific Railroad affairs. The prospect of the Northern and Texas Pacific roads for obtaining additional aid is, it is claimed by the friends of the roads, to be better than it was two or three weeks ago. DIAMOND.

WASHINGTON, January 21, 1875.

The Pacific Mail Scandal.

Richard B. Irwin appeared before the Committee on Ways and Means to-day, investigating the Pacific Mail subsidy business, and told to whom he paid the money. In regard to the amounts, he said he might not be exactly accurate, but was nearly so. The following is the list: Charles Albert, $7,000; O. J. Averill, $10,000; J. G. Berrett, $10,000; E. H. Cormick, does not recollect, but thinks $2,000 or $5,000; Amos B. Corwin, $3,600; L. E. Chittenden, $5,000; B. H. Cheever, $5,000; Hamilton G. Fout, $12,000; John W. Forney, $25,000; Samuel A. Hatch, about $20,000; S. R. Ingham, $10,000; Wm. Morgan, don't recollect; Alex. W. Randall, $10,000; John D. Rice, $25,000; Wm. B. Shaw, $15,000; Charles H. Sherrill, $500; John F. Schumaker, $300,000. A. H. Whiting, $100,000.

Witness said the above list comprised the names of all persons employed by him, and he knew of the employment of only Wm. S. King, to whom he paid $125,000, and Richard S. Parsons, who was Stockwell's personal attorney. Witness paid Parsons $10,000 on Stockwell's account. He gave Schumaker $275,000 in New York, and sent $25,000 more from California. Hersey and Boyd, assistant doorkeepers of the House, were not employed by him. The amounts paid to them were gratuitous, which the witness had overlooked in his former statement.

The witness, at this point, was excused till to-morrow on account of ill health.

Irwin understood that William S. King was employed by Mr. Stockwell. He was not employed by witness.

Congressman Schumaker was excused until Irwin shall have completed his testimony.

Congressman Sypher testified that he never received a bribe. Congressmen have any one; met Garrison accidentally one day, and in answer to an inquiry about the prospects of the Mexican steamship bill, he jotted down the names of twenty or thirty Southern men who, he believed, would vote for the bill. His remark about blowing Garrison's head off was purely jocular.

The committee then went into secret session.

At the close of the secret session, Mr. Schumaker was questioned in regard to checks and certificates of deposit bearing his endorsement, and apparently paid to him. Witness swore he had no recollection of ever seeing those certificates or checks; had no recollection of ever stating to Irwin he required $25,000 additional, or that he ever received that sum; never kept business letters received by him, and has no copies of the letters sent by him.

Clark Bell read a certificate of the Secretary of the Pacific Mail Company saying that the records of the company do show that either John G. Schumaker or D. C. Parsons were ever employed by the company.

Dan W. Voorhees and Boyd Winchester testified that the reports connecting their names with the alleged corruption were utterly false and baseless.

The committee again went into secret session to consider a letter from Wetmore in regard to his imprisonment for contempt, and asking to be relieved from it.

The Customs Receipts.

The customs receipts at the ports named for the week ending January 16th were: New York, $1,896,672; Philadelphia, $117,-917; Baltimore, $80,638; New Orleans, for the week ending the 9th, $32,758.

A New Territory.

The Senate Committee on Territories will report in favor of forming a new territory out of the northern half of Dakota, to be called Pembina, with the capital at Bismarck.

LEGISLATURES.

OHIO

COLUMBUS, O., January 21.—In the Senate to-day a bill was introduced to go amend the gambling act of 1873 as to make it apply only to professional gamblers. The effect of the bill is to allow quiet games of draw poker in private rooms without danger of arrest to the players.

The Magazines.

Lippincott's for February contains a great variety of matter, of which, perhaps, Will Carleton's "Three Feathers" story will be first read. There are four other stories, of which three are complete in this number. T. Adolphus Trollope gives some recollections of Hiram Powers, and Lucy Hooper some Paris sketching. The paper upon Following the Tiber is well kept up, fully illustrated, and completed in this issue. A marvelous story of adventures in New Caledonia is told by Col. Wood has an able paper upon Fever, and other articles make altogether a very readable number—which *Lippincott's* always is.

THE more noticeable papers in *Scribner* this month are Major J. W. Powell's second article on the Canons of the Colorado, with twelve striking illustrations; E. C. Stedman's "Latter-Day British Poets," Part I., which treats of Robert Buchanan, William Morris, and Dante Gabriel Rossetti, and is a charming bit of good-tempered criticism; and three chapters of "The Story of Sevenoaks," by J. G. Holland, illustrated by Sol Eytinge; "My Tourmaline," by Saxe Holm, is concluded. The Spiritualistic effusion, "A New Solution of an Old Puzzle," by G. Fairfield, is concluded here. "Some Old Letters," No. 9, are authentic and amusing. Mr. Hassard gives a sketch, with portrait, of Theodore Thomas, the musician. It is a good number.

Peterson's Journal for February is out, with a good variety of pleasant reading, principally in the form of short and lively romances including a pretty story, "Florence Hildyard," by Mrs. Henry Wood. There are two interesting papers, one by Mr. Henry Peterson, suggesting a theory of the continual growth of the bulk of the earth. "John Smith" discusses that very interesting question, "The Cause and Cure of Hard Times." "A Bride Song" is a pretty specimen of Christina Rossetti's poetry, and Arthur Peterson puts into verse the story of the first Swedish Governor, who came to the Delaware fifty years before William Penn. *Peterson's Journal* is bound to become one of the most popular magazines.

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BREVITIES.

Paragraphic Pencillings of Passing Events.

....The new Sheriff's office cost the county about $5,500.

....An effort was made by burglars yesterday morning to enter the store of Gildenfenny & Hess, on Fifth avenue.

....The County Commissioners will occupy the old Sheriff's office when Sheriff Hare moves into his new quarters.

....The loss sustained by Heckert in the Central Hotel fire, in Allegheny, was fixed at $5,000, by the Insurance companies yesterday.

....A petition for a divorce was filed in the Common Pleas Court No. 1 yesterday, by John McBrown against Annie C. McBrown. A subpœna was awarded.

....A tin box has been placed at the south end of the Smithfield street bridge, for the purpose of depositing small sums of money for the needy.

....Henry Klaiber, a young farmer residing near Freedom, Pa., was found dead in bed on Wednesday morning. His death was caused by heart disease.

....Thomas Keagan, the fireman who was so seriously injured by the railroad accident in the Sixth ward, Allegheny, on Tuesday evening, died yesterday afternoon.

....The fire at Cronin's grocery on Penn avenue on Wednesday night, caused a loss of about $1,000, against which an insurance policy in the German American Company is held.

....The Franklin Literary Society of the South Side have determined to give an entertainment for the benefit of the poor, and have appointed a committee to take charge of the matter.

....The Committees on Gas and City Property of Allegheny Councils, will meet this evening. The Health Committee will meet this morning and visit the small-pox hospital at Claremont.

....A boy by the name of Lynch had to have one of his legs amputated, as a result of a pistol shot received while engaged in a fight on the ice a few days ago, between the Brownsville and Soho lads.

....The announcement is made by the County Commissioners that there will be a reduction in the county taxes of one-fourth of a mill in the city and one-half a mill in the country districts, for the coming year.

....Thirty-four hundred jurors were ordered to be selected to serve in the different courts of the county for the coming year, yesterday. The order was made by the Common Pleas Courts Nos. 1 and 2.

....Yesterday morning between six and seven o'clock, a fire broke out in a small stable on Fremont street, Allegheny, owned by George Steward. The building was destroyed, involving a loss of about fifty dollars.

....A farm of two hundred and fifty acres, near West Elizabeth, and now occupied by Messrs. Patterson & Wray, is about to be claimed by the McElheny heirs, of Williamsport, who propose entering suit for its recovery.

....The puddlers will hold a mass meeting this afternoon at Hall No. 1, on Fifth avenue. The gathering will be public and reporters admitted. The lock-out, its present status and future prospects, is the subject for discussion.

....A new organization by the name of the Western Flint and Lime Glass Protective Association has recently been started on the South Side. Mr. John Adams has been appointed temporary chairman and John C. McCutcheon secretary.

....The South Side Aid Society had been re-organized and committees have been appointed to canvass each district for the purpose of ascertaining the names of those in destitute circumstances. Donations may be left at the South Side Savings Bank.

....Yesterday Messrs. Douglass and Cummings, of the Sixth ward, Allegheny, gave 200 loaves of bread to the poor people of that ward. They placed the bread in the hands of Mr. Henry Faulkner member of the Board of Poor Directors for distribution.

....Officer Weir, of Allegheny, made a formal application to the county commissioners yesterday for the reward offered by the county for the arrest of Ortwein, the murderer of the Hammett family. This makes nine applications which have been made for this reward.

....Long, Goodhard and Foster, charged with being implicated in the recent robbery of Leitner's store, on Wood street, had a hearing yesterday before Acting Mayor Diehl, and in default of $300 bail Foster was sent to jail for trial and the other two were committed to the workhouse.

....Mr. James T. Fields, yesterday paid a visit of inspection to our High School, accompanied by Capt. Herbert, and after several hours spent in the building, expressed the opinion that the school architecturally and in its course of instruction was one of the best he had looked into.

....A committee of ladies from the W. C. T. U. of this city, held temperance meetings at Noblestown on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings last, which were quite successful. Address were made by Misses Pearl and Lee Starr, after a branch Union with seventy-two members was organized.

....A family by the name of Dunn, residing on the Brownsville road, near the head of Fourteenth street, South Side, came to this city recently from Clarion county, where they have been living. Misfortunes have been unable to find employment. They have been compelled to apply for aid, which has been granted.

....The contract for copying the tax duplicates for 1875 has been awarded to J. M. Lee for twenty-five cents per hundred lines, Amanda Hill having refused to take the contract at her own bid of fifteen cents per hundred lines, stating that she did not understand the nature of the work to be done. The contract is worth about $2,000.

....Zadok Street, the Superintendent of the Humane Society, recently made an information before Alderman Anderson charging John Call, a mail carrier between this city and Steubenville, with excessive cruelty to horses. The testimony showed the charge to be fully sustained, and the defendant gave $300 bail for a further hearing, failing to appear at the appointed time the Alderman declared the bail forfeited.

....Yesterday morning Constables Barker and Hays went to the stable of Frederick Heil, of Allegheny, to carry out an execution, and was in the act of leading one of his horses away when Heil interfered. The latter was then arrested on a charge of felonious assault against him afterward. It is said that the officers used unnecessary severity in their treatment of Mr. Heil, and it is peobable that he will enter proceedings against them. The facts of the case will be fully brought out at the hearing.

....Yesterday one of the Deputy Sheriffs was serving the summons' on the members of the Supreme Committee of the Knights of Pythias, who were sued a few days ago by the proprietors of the Central Hotel, to recover the balance alleged to be due on a banquet bill. When the subpœna was handed to one of the defendants he looked at it for a moment and saw that the action was brought against *et. al.*, when he belched forth, "Why I dont know what they are suing me for, I did not *eat all* the supper that night."

....Our friend Mr. Sidney Omohundro [who is not the compiler] has laid upon our table copies of the pamphlet report of the Sunday School Assembly, held at Fair Point, Lake Chautauque, last August. As a pretty specimen of neat printing the pamphlet is commendable, but as a report of that Fair Point gathering it is a failure. The report is full enough, so far as speeches are given, but there is a lack of appreciation of the Assembly in its best features. The enthusiasm, the earnest attention to study, the social fraternization, the attendance, the very spirit and life of the grand gathering, receive no attention. The compilation of abstracts of the speeches, seems to have been the chief and only care of the compiler, and he has managed to accomplish his task in a manner thoroughly dull and mechanical, as compared with the actual facts.

PERSONAL.

***The remains of the late Alderman Louis Hagar will be interred this fore noon with military honors.

***Wm. Weir, of Allegheny, is a candidate for Alderman in the Third ward, and a claimant for the Ortwein reward.

***Attorney General Dimmick says he will not sign the commission of any alderman who may be elected next month.

***Judge Ewing would'nt take that $1,500 from the "back pay" fund of the constitution Convention—so says the Auditor General.

***Chief of Police Long requests everybody to clean their pavements this morning and insinuates that by so doing a little money can be saved these hard times.

***The following Pittsburgers were registered at the Philadelphia hotels, Wednesday:—Joseph P. Fisher and wife, W. Bakewell, Mr. and Mrs. H. Vandever, J. B. Gorsuch, George J. Sener, P. S. Stewart, R. C. Park, C. H. Jacobs, and E. Gleason; from Allegheny, James Christy.

***Mayor Blackmore yesterday received from the police force of the city a very useful and handsome present in the shape of an elegant extension chair, which cost $110. In returning thanks for the gift, he said that while not expecting it, nothing could have been more acceptable to him at this time.

AMUSEMENTS.

Pittsburgh Opera House.

This evening Baker and Farron appear in a new play entitled the "Cut Glove," which affords them numerous opportunities of displaying their ability at character acting.

Next week amusement patrons will enjoy the pleasure of the personations of the famous actor, E. L. Davenport, who opens on Monday evening in "Sir Giles Overreach." It has been a good many years since he was here, and although he is known and highly appreciated by old theatre-goers, the younger generation is not familiar with him. However, to see him, is to believe in him. He will be supported by Mr. Lewis Morrison and Mrs. Davenport. Mr. Morrison has made himself a favorite in this city. His last appearance here, it will be remembered, was during the engagement of Mr. John S. Clarke.

Library Hall.

On Monday evening next Grace Greenwood and Mrs. Sarah Fisher Ames will give another of their delightful entertainments at Library Hall. As is well known they have already appeared here this season, and all who heard them were both charmed and edified by their recitations and personations. This will be independent of the regular course of the Mercantile Library lectures. The sale of seats will commence to-morrow morning at ten o'clock, at the Library Rooms.

The Germania Orchestra.

The fifth of the series of popular concerts by the Germania Orchestra will be given this afternoon at Library Hall. These entertainments rank high in the musical scale and deserve the patronage of the public. The programme for to-day's performance is as follows:

PART I.

1. Overture, "Yelva".....Resseiger
2. Artist's Life Waltzes.....Strauss
3. The Little Recruit (Violin Solo).....David
MR. J. LIEVIN.
4. Pot Pourri—from Faust.....Stasny

PART II.

1. Overture, "Merry Wives of Windsor".....Nicolai
2. Concerto for Two Violins.....Kalliwoda
Messrs. GEO. AND F. TOERGE.
3. March—from Tannhauser.....W

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GOLD closed in New York yesterday at 112½.

THE Senatorial election in Michigan is a surprise. Chandler and Bagley were both beaten by Isaac P. Christiancy,—whoever that may be.

MESSRS HENRY M. LONG and W. H. Graham, of the Allegheny delegation in the Legislature, have our thanks for documents received.

ANOTHER revolution is reported in Uruguay, in which the revolutionists are successful, and Pedro Varela, President of the Senate, is made President of the Republic.

THE President's special message very naturally excites considerable interest. We do not imagine it means a fear or apprehension of war,—but simply involves preparing for it in times of peace.

IN New Jersey ex-Governor Randolph made the United States Senatorship, as against Stockton, the competing Democratic candidate. Randolph is really the abler man of the two.

THE newest terror of the Democrats is that the President may promote a war with Spain as a means of securing a third term in office. The *Post*, here, will get the idea in a day or two, and will howl terribly over it.

SPEAKER PATTERSON has placed Mr. Rodgers at the head of the Committee on Vice and Immorality, a concession to the temperance element. It is declared by some that he promised to put Thornton at the head of that committee.

THE county taxes, this year, will be reduced from one-eighth to one-sixth. This is precisely what the Commissioners last year declared would be done. We are now interested to know whether the journals that condemned last year will appreciate and praise this year.

THE *Post* does not come up with an answer to our question. We propound it again: "Did it at the time, or does it now endorse Pierce's dispersion of the Kansas Legislature by military power?" Certainly, if it knows its own mind, it can answer a question so direct and simple.

SENATOR MORTON'S proposed amendment providing for a direct vote on President and Vice President,—thus dispensing with the Electoral College seems very likely to pass Congress and be submitted to the Legislatures. It is non-partisan, and will probably be adopted.

DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSMAN SCHUMAKER, who received fully one-third of all the money spent on the Pacific Mail subsidy, declared before the committee yesterday that his mind was a blank as to the use made of that money! So the great game, after all, in this disgraceful transaction is a Democratic Congressman.

WE are pleased to notice that Surveyor General Beath has been appointed Manager of Agencies for a prominent Life Insurance Company of Philadelphia. We are gratified at this evidence of appreciation toward a gentleman so worthy, and are confident the appointment will inure greatly to the advantage of the company.

CONTRACTIONIST journals have discovered a new cause for alarm in the fact that about $3,000,000 of bank circulation have been applied for since the passage of its recent finance bill by Congress. From this, they argue that the tendency of the bill is toward inflation now, and that it will produce violent contraction two or three years hence. This is identically the effect we predicted the bill would have, pending its passage,—except that the contraction will be gradual, not violent. It is not in the least strange, as the bill clearly opened the way for the exact result that has followed.

IT IS intimated that the President, in the absence of any direct action on the part of Congress, has determined to pursue a positive and definite policy of his own toward Louisiana, and we judge this means that there will be no more tender trifling with White Leagues. If Pinchback is admitted to a seat in the United States Senate, this will be interpreted as an endorsement of Kellogg. If he is not admitted, it will be accepted as a refusal to endorse. In one event, the President will sustain, and in the other, leave Kellogg to himself. He is a man of his word, and Congress must face its share of the responsibility.

THE morning after the Bourbons held their meeting in Cincinnati to "indignate," the *Commercial* of that city suggested a few things which the indignant speakers probably forgot to say, among which was the following palpable hit at the absurdity of the pretentions of State Sovereignty in Louisiana: "As Louisiana was first purchased with the money of the Nation, then defended from a foreign foe by the National forces, and at last conquered by the army and navy of the Nation, there is no peculiar sanctity of State Sovereignty inhering in that State. She was bought with money by Jefferson, defended against the British by Jackson, and when in insurrection, conquered by Farragut and Ben Butler. We rather think after this that she may be said to belong to "we, the people," who have formed "a more perfect Union." The puerile pretensions put forward in behalf of State Sovereignty nowhere appear more absurd than in a State that was nailed to the Nation with bayonets well driven in."

TECHNICAL SCHOOLS.

We hope the Legislature of this State will, during its present session, do all that is possible toward maturing a policy on the subject of Technical Education, or the establishing of schools for instruction in the mechanical arts. At the present there is no policy developed, and the entire subject is in a chaotic state. There are at least three propositions in existence,—one to establish and maintain chairs in colleges and universities, in the interest of the mechanic arts, one to appropriate funds to the High Schools of the State, and the third to at once establish separate schools, amply furnished with apparatus, for full and thorough instruction,—theoretical and practical,—in the industrial arts. We favor the last mentioned as the only plan that has in it the slightest promise of useful results.

It should be borne in mind that these schools are required, among other things, to substitute the old apprentice system, now out of vogue among us, but which, when in use, did very much toward giving us skilled workmen in the several branches of trade. The apprenticeship system is utterly broken down in this country, and it is doubtful if it can again be restored. Boys enter establishments as learners, and stay just as short a time as possible,—breaking away from their inferior position to assume one of semi-independence, at better rates of remuneration. Thus they grow to manhood, with a crude and exceedingly indifferent training, and pass through life, poor workmen, and a source of trouble to themselves and others. One purpose of Technical Schools, when they are established, should be to remedy this by uniting the practical with the theoretical. The merely theoretical is not enough, although valuable as a basis for the practical.

We fully sympathize with the view that instruction in all those departments which serve to give a correct and comprehensive understanding of the theory which underlies the practical arts, should precede training in the practical application of the arts; or, what would be better, should accompany the practical training. But we insist that this cannot be done at all efficiently in the College or University, and that while High Schools can do no more than the colleges, even these do not come up to the standard that should be aimed at. Colleges and Universities have standards of examinations which are not only high, but which must be rigidly maintained, if their reputation is held up to the right standard. Where the curriculum is divided into the classical and scientific, it still is so far above what is desired, as to be practically useless so far as the interest under consideration is concerned. Those who need the advantages of a school for the industrial arts are, mainly, of the poorer classes, who have neither the time nor means to prepare to enter college, even in its scientific department, and go through the course and learn their trades. Those who can do this are not, as a rule, contemplated in this proposition. Hence it would be an idle waste of money to expend it on colleges.

If we may take our Pittsburgh High School as an example, we have this state of facts: It is divided into three departments,—academical, commercial and normal,—and the physical sciences are included in the curriculum, for the general benefit of all the students. Drawing has also been introduced, and apparatus to the value of about $4,000 provided, chiefly through the exertions of Dr. Jillson, whereby the lessons in the physical sciences are illustrated. We incline to the belief that our High School is in advance of all others in the State, in the attention it gives to such subjects, and that it is doing about all it can do without additional room. We are open to correction, if we do not state this point with absolute correctness. All that has been, and is being done, does not depend on any State system, or State aid whatever. And what our High School accomplishes, others can reach, and in the same way. Of course, it is an open question whether our High Schools should be made to include all that is involved in Technical Education. We think that could a congruous arrangement be made by which a State institution could be tacked on to our city High Schools, it would not work well. It would involve a mixture of plans, and frequently, a conflict of interests. A High School is one thing,—a school for affording advanced instruction to those who graduate from our schools,—and an industrial school is another, and entirely different thing,—an institution to teach specifically the theory and practice of the industrial arts. The one is general, and the other specific; one is local, and the other a State affair. Harmony of management would be difficult to secure, were both blended. Therefore, we put the High School aside from this arrangement. It has its mission, and it is a noble one,—let it fulfil it.

We deem it the proper policy for the State to establish entirely new institutions, to have but few of them, and these well appointed. A State with such extensive metalliferous deposits as has ours, and where such varied and largely conducted manufactories abound, should have exceptionally complete technical schools. Nor should its mission be confined merely to the theoretical and practical training of the youth, with the view of their becoming artisans merely,—it might be made to promote original investigation. Such institutions should be established,—say one this year, at some point,—we urge Pittsburgh,—and next year, somewhere else. Three such institutions ought to be enough for the State. More than this, the appropriation might be made conditional on the raising of an equivalent sum by private subscription. Still further, we believe that if these technical, or industrial schools are made part of our public school system, the money could be constitutionally taken from the million dollars appropriated by the Legislature. We believe Mr. Wickersham will do a popular thing to remember Pittsburgh in this way.

FLORIDA ROUTES.

We publish elsewhere in this issue, a somewhat extended article, embracing a description of the several routes of travel, over which the Pennsylvania Railroad sells through tickets. They afford the opportunity for a varied and delightful Winter excursion, to a region in which were once sought the waters of immortality. The full attractions of Florida seem to have been but recently brought to the attention of the American public in a manner to enlist interest and travel. Yet there is something of more than usual interest in the narratives,—descriptive, social and sanitary,—that appear, from time to time, in the great magazines of the country, of this Florida coast. It is a point, within easy reach, where our rugged northern Winters give place to balmy air, and health inspiring atmosphere. Many ailments are there cured by the properties of air alone, there being something so wonderfully potent in the Florida climate, that it restores wasted frames, and gives soundness to weak lungs. Many consumptives have there found health, when all other hopes had fled. The variety of scenery, the novelty of surroundings, and the Arcadian simplicity of the people,—away from the traveled points, serve to make it very attractive to the tourist, whether the motive be health or pleasure.

The climate is said to be a specific for pulmonary complaints, but we have the belief that it will be found equally salutary for all other ailments, the cure of which depends upon general changes being wrought in the physical system. The salt atmosphere, and the presence of an invigorating quality, called—jocularly or seriously—ozone, makes of certain parts of Florida a region of great salubrity and health-giving vigor. It often happens that the inhalation of an atmosphere peculiarly grateful to the lungs serves, through them, to extend a purifying influence through the entire system. Thus cures are gradually wrought, when other diseases than those of the lungs are involved. We do not know to what extent the Florida climate has been tested in this particular, but the general report is that it is wonderfully beneficial to all comers.

The routes of travel opened up, and the agreeable character of the climate make it particularly attractive, in the Winter season, to tourists. The cold, variable climate of the North can be avoided, and a region reached, at small expense, and with little exposure, where Spring-like temperature prevails. More than this, it is one of the most interesting of all the States from the age of its principal city, and the historical associations that cluster around it. Its history reaches back to the conquers of Columbus, and is peaceful or sanguinary as Spaniard or Huguenot gained ascendancy. It has rivers that abound in shell fish, and that are pleasant for boating, and an almost tropical luxuriance of foliage and verdure can be found in its groves and fields. It is the land of the orange and lemon, and with its soft air, provides amply for the palate of the epicurean, and the enjoyment of those whose tastes incline them to natural scenery. The Pennsylvania Railroad, under its present vigorous management, has rendered a service to the people, in opening up so many routes to this delightful region. These embrace the many cities and towns of the South, and include a choice of routes either for going or returning. We commend those who have the leisure for travel, or whose condition of health is such as to lead them to prefer the recuperating power of a generous climate, to read what appears elsewhere, and try a visit for health or pleasure.

PALESTINE EXPLORATION.

Address of Mr. Rawson Before the American Geographical Society, New York.

The systematic survey of that part of Palestine lying west of the Jordan River has been carried on for nearly eight years by scientific men in the employ of the English Society and by others in the employ of the American Society, and of that part lying east of that river and the Dead Sea, for one year. The work is not yet completed. There are many who feel an interest in its progress, and who look forward to the desired end with lively expectations of valuable results. Of recent explorations that English Palestine Exploration Fund has taken the lead in extent and importance. The grand results of that work so far can be summed up in a few words. The survey for an accurate map of nearly three-quarters of the country west of the Jordan has been made and many sites have been identified and some errors corrected, while expectations of the discovery of antiquities have been almost entirely disappointed. The work will be carried on for three or four years longer until the map is completed on this side of the Jordan. The exploration and map on the east of the Jordan was left to be made by the American branch of the society, known here as the Palestine Exploration Society. This society has had a corps of engineers and archæologists in the field a year, working in the district around Heshbon, the results of which are a preliminary map by Lt. Steever of a part of Moab, from Wady Zerka Malin to Heshbon, and some identifications by Prof. Paine, the most interesting of which is that of Mount Pisgah. Besides this, Prof. Paine has nearly ready a report on the botany of Moab, in which it is expected, from an examination of the specimens of plants and flowers brought home by him, that he will bring to our notice several varieties of flowering plants heretofore unknown. The materials for exhibiting its geological features have been gathered on different tours in Palestine by the speaker, and are now in New York. The work before the Society will occupy it for two years longer, when the survey for the map east of the Jordan will be completed. The Archæology of Palestine will require a company of ten skilled men twenty years. We have as yet not touched the surface.

There are some points that can never be settled beyond a mere conjecture, such as the site of the Holy Sepulchre, Calvary, the grave of Moses, of the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. And these are essential for nothing save curiosity. Their position settles no question one way or the other. One thing seems likely to be determined by a better acquaintance with the geology of Palestine, and that is, that the valley of the Jordon and the Dead Sea has not been depressed since the historic period, and it certainly was not in Abraham's time. A more important point is settled, that there is now no doubt that the writers of the books of the Bible were acquainted minutely with the country in which they lived and wrote. This region contains about 15,000 square miles, and as a country to be surveyed is singularly small when we consider its importance. To Christians its interesting points are beyond those of all other lands, because it is in the land in which the most thrilling and sacred records of the Gospel are centered. Every detail of its history, geography, and archæology must and will be made familiar to every believer in Christianity.

The expense of this work, so far, has been very great, and from the nature of the country and its climate, and the character of its people, the actual cost of the surveys must be far greater in proportion than similar work in other countries. The United States survey, under Prof. Hayden, this last year, covered a larger territory than Palestine, and thoroughly so, and for less money than the English party has cost in any one year in its survey of Judea, which is less than one-fourth the size of that done by Prof. Hayden's. A similar practical business capacity applied to the survey east of the Jordan River in Palestine will do the work in a reasonably short time, do it well, and at a moderate cost. The American survey has cost about $25,000, and will require from $60,000 to $75,000 more for two years' work, which is the estimated time for its completion. If time permitted, it would be a pleasant task to show why there is no other country that offers equal attractions to one who loves to investigate the past as this Palestine. There is a wonderful fixity of local tradition everywhere in the land. The people come and go, even nationalities change, but the traditions remain and are repeated by father to son and neighbor to neighbor, world without end. Some of these, by frequent repetition and change from one language to another, have been reduced to childish stories or popular legends. These, when carefully examined, throw light on the Bible narrative.

A Bedawin tradition of Abraham may be cited as an illustration. Sarah burned with a fierce fire of jealousy against Hagar, because the young wife had been honored of God and blessed with a son, and she vowed she would not be outshined by washing her hands in the slave's blood. This she had a right to do if she chose, and Abraham bored Hagar's ears and nose and put rings in them, giving the drops of blood to Sarah, so that she could fulfill her oath without taking a life, for he was more afraid of the blood revenge than of Sarah's anger, and Hagar, being the daughter of a Pharaoh of Egypt, would have had many relatives and friends to avenge her blood on Sarah. This is the origin of the rings in the ears and in the nose of the women of the Bedawin. The Jewesses wear no rings in their noses. When the Moabite pottery, with its inscriptions in perhaps the most ancient Hebrew dialect, shall be thoroughly known and interpreted we shall probably have many illustrations of obscure passages in the Old Testament, as several points have already been cleared up, although the readings are as yet somewhat uncertain. The Hamath inscriptions, now utterly indecipherable, must eventually be read, for who knows what priceless story may be treasured up in those strange characters? And so, walking over the country and noting its topography, observing from hill-top to hill-top to fix its geographical locations, searching its rocks for its geology, its fields for its botany, its ruins for its archæology, and the pockets of the friends at home for funds, the exploration of Palestine will go forward to the end. We may be glad and rejoice with those who have helped the good work when it is done.

THE BEECHER TRIAL.

Court Room Scenes and Incidents.

The Court-room in Brooklyn where the great scandal is being fully ventilated presents the same crowded appearance every day. Very few who enter in the morning leave the room before the hour of adjournment arrives. Many of the spectators come provided with lunches, noisily those who occupy seats in the gallery. Between 1 and 2 o'clock in the afternoon, ham sandwiches and mince pies are in great demand, and when the supply of these articles of indigestion fails, the hungry spectator is obliged to satisfy his appetite with a measure of roasted peanuts. After the principal characters in the great suit, the ancient vender of pies, who haunts the Court house, ranks next in importance. He, too, appreciates his power, and bestows his favors accordingly. And his demeanor has grown cold, and haughty, and stately. This high-strung pie man has become a part of the trial now, and he brooks no familiarity. He administered yesterday to a prominent member of Plymouth Church a crushing rebuke. "These mince pies are very bad," remarked the clerical member in question. "Very bad, sir," replied the pieman; "but they're not half as bad as the language we you've been a listunin' to all day." This pieman on the first day of the trial was the meekest man in the court room. There were ten ladies in Court yesterday. Mrs. Beecher, as usual, sat beside her husband, and on her left was the wife of Colonel Beecher. Mrs. Tilton occupied her old seat by Mrs. Shearman, Mrs. Field, and Mrs. Ovington. In the rear of the court room were two elegantly attired ladies, who attracted considerable attention, owing to the fact that their names could not be ascertained by the other spectators. In the gallery were two young and rather pretty faces, the other an elderly person, fashionably dressed. They did not seem in the least embarrassed. On each side and behind them were red shirted men who expectorated tobacco juice, and during the recess crunched peanuts and commented on the trial in coarse language. The ladies were evidently animated by feelings of curiosity quite as strong as those of their neighbors, and so they sat in their seats without leaving them once from 11 o'clock in the morning until 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Their powers of endurance must have been sadly taxed, for the air in the gallery was freighted with impurity, and besides, the ladies partook of no refreshments, despite the reproachful glances of the ancient pieman.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

A Blessed Sudden Death.

The Washington correspondent of the Louisville *Courier-Journal* writes: "Thursday there sat at a desk in the Treasury a hard-working woman, the daughter of an ex-member of Congress. She worked steadily until the last package of money was finished, and left the building for the New Year's holiday. She was ill with a cough and sore throat, but would not give up. Thursday night in a paroxysm of coughing she died. She was alone in the world, and died at a boarding-house. On Saturday when the band again met for work, and noticed the vacant seat, the general expression was, 'Oh, how fortunate to die suddenly!' Who would have nursed or cared for her, had she lingered long? What suffering she is spared!"

TRAGEDY OF THE SEA.

Loss of the Ship Euxine—Sufferings of the Survivors—One of Their Number Killed and Eaten.

The British ship Euxine, bound from North Shields for Aden, was destroyed by fire in the South Atlantic in August last. The crew took to the boats, which soon separated from each other. The occupants of one boat lost all their provisions and water, and after enduring the pangs of hunger for some time, drew lots to decide which of them should be killed to preserve the lives of his companions. The lot fell upon an Italian sailor, who was killed and cut up. Only a few hours afterward the others were picked up by a Dutch ship Java packet. The Batavia *Handelsblad*, of December 8, says: "For several days they had eaten nothing, and had endeavored to quench thirst by sea water, so that one of them, wholly exhausted, strove to stab himself in despair. He was, however, restrained by the others, who proposed that, considering the circumstances, it should be decided by lot which of the six should be the first victim to save his comrades for a while from death by hunger. In conformity with this plan six pieces of wood of varying length were cut; the mate held them in his hand, and each of the men drew out one; he who drew the longest was to fall. Francis Shufus, an Italian, was the unfortunate whom the lot assigned for it. Meekly and without a murmur he submitted, and so he gave up the ghost under the knife of his hungry fellows. Some hours afterward, and when they had just commenced their horrid meal, a sail was sighted on the horizon, whither course was immediately shaped. On the evening of the same day, Aug. 31, the five rescued persons, completely exhausted, reached the deck of the Java packet. Captain Trappen and his subordinates immediately did all they could, by careful treatment, to make the five unfortunates forget as much as possible the misery suffered. Yesterday they were brought here, naturally destitute of everything, and are living in a sailors' lodging house near the wharf. Their names are James Archer, second mate; August Muller, Victor Sandstom, Manus Schutt, and Alexander Vermuelin, sailors. Their remaining comrades in the two other boats have, according to a Lloyd's telegram, arrived safe at St. Helena, without accident."

THE CENTENNIAL.

Caution to the Newspaper Publishers of the United States.

The Centennial Board of Finance has issued a letter, of which the following is a copy, for general information:

OFFICE OF UNITED STATES CENTENNIAL BOARD OF FINANCE,
904 WALNUT STREET,
PHILADEKPHIA, January 19, 1875.

To the Newspaper Publishers of the United States:

The attention of the Centennial Board of Finance has been called to certain advertisements published in newspapers in the Western and Southern States, under the head of "United States Centennial Exhibition of 1876," stating that local agents and subscription solicitors are wanted in every county and town for one year at $15 a week and 30 per cent. commission, and requesting remittances of 15 cents for a prospectus of a so-called Centennial Subscription Bureau, 521 Chestnut street, Philadelphia.

Bills for insertion of these advertisements having been forwarded to the Board of Finance it is deemed necessary, for the information and protection of newspaper publishers, to advise them that said so-called Centennial Subscription Bureau is in no way connected with the United States Centennial Exhibition, and that neither the United States Centennial Commission, nor the Centennial Board of Finance is in any way responsible for the bills or other obligations of the so-called Centennial Subscription Bureau. A. T. GOSHORN,
Director General of the United States Centennial Commission.

JOHN WELSH,
President of Centennial Board of Finance.

The Last Illness and Death of Tom Marshall.

(From a Sketch of His Life and Character in the Louisville Courier-Journal.)

At last exhausted nature gave way and he was stricken with his last illness. A friend informed him that he must soon die, and asked him some question looking to a preparation for another world. He promptly stopped him, and said: "No sir; no sir; I do not wish to pray. I had no hand in coming into this world; I have failed in all I have ever seriously attempted or desired whilst in it. I shall make no arrangements for my departure, nor, for another existence. If God has managed the matter so far, I shall permit Him to continue it as best pleases Him." He dismissed the subject, and referred to it no more. After remaining silent for some time, as if musing, he said: "Well, well, this is the end. Tom Marshall is dying, dying, not having a suit of clothes in which to be buried; dying upon a borrowed bed, covered with a borrowed sheet, in a house built by charity. Well, well, it is meet and proper." After an hour or more, he looked through the open window, and calling the attention of those around him to a solitary tree, standing in the middle of a large open pasture, said: "When I am dead, bury me beneath that tree in the middle of the field; I have been crowded all my life, and I do not wish to be crowded in death." He said no more, but after a time quietly ceased to breathe. He was placed beneath the tree, but no stone nor mark tells the passing traveler who rests below.

Jealousy and Fearful Revenge.

A singular story of jealousy and revenge comes from Sicily. A beautiful young girl named Florina, who was the belle of a traveling circus, in which she figured as the lion tamer, had been for some time receiving the attentions of an athlete belonging to the same troupe. By some means she ascertained that he was not faithful to her, but had another lady love. No signs, however, of her painful discovery were allowed to escape. She still smiled sweetly upon him. In her own bosom she planned the terrible revenge. One evening when the performance had been unusually brilliant—after Florina had whipped the lions and forced them to the feet—she called her recreant lover aside and said to him: "Do you still love me?" "Always," he answered. "Do you know that I should die if you should devote yourself to another woman?" "What an idea," responded the young man. "But I should first kill you," said Florina. "And how would you do that?" "Thus!" cried the girl, at the same instant pushing him violently into the cage of the lions. They attacked the unfortunate man at once and tore him to pieces, while Florina urged them on with blows of her whip.

The Pig—A Boy's Composition.

The pig was thus written up by a Georgia boy, whose composition was published in his local paper, the Griffin *News*, and was as follows: "The pig is about as big as a sheep, only a pig's wool isn't good for making stockings of. Why is a pig like a tree? Because he roots; that is a conundrum. A pig washes himself in the mud. A pig has four legs, one under each corner of his body. They pickle pig's feet, but not until after the pig is done using 'em. A pig squeals awful when it rains, also when you pull its tail. A pig has got a first-rate voice for squealing, and he grunts when he feels good. You can't make a whistle of a pig's tail, 'cos its crooked. Why is a pig like Tommy Grant? 'Cos he's got his nose in everybody's business. This is another conundrum, which is all I know about the pig."

Choice Recipes.

Superior Mince Meat.—A Boston lady sends for publication the following recipe for making mince meat, which is now in season. She informs us that she has tried various modes, but finds the following to be the best: Take seven pounds of currents, well picked over and cleaned; of finely-chopped beef suet, the lean of a sirloin of beef minced raw, and finely-chopped apples (the golden pippin or Smith's cider preferred), each three and a half pounds; citron, lemon peel, and orange peel cut small, each half a pound; fine moist sugar, two pounds; mixed spice, an ounce; mix well and put in a deep pan. Mix a bottle of brandy and a white wine, the juice of the lemons and oranges that have been grated together in a basin; pour half over and press down tight with the hand; then add the other half and cover closely. This will keep a whole year or longer, and is frequently made one season to keep over for the next.

Breakfast Cake.—In absence of potatoes, or, to be eaten with butter while warm. Equal parts sifted corn meal and flour; stir or sift in carefully while dry one teaspoonful of cream of tartar. Dissolve in milk (sufficient to mix, and form a batter that will pour easily into baking tins), one level teaspoonful each of carbonate of soda and salt, sweeten to taste. Lastly, add one or two (according to supply) well beaten eggs to one cake, and bake in a quick oven to a nice brown. Do not scald and spoil your meal.

Soft Gingerbread.—One quart of molasses, ½ pound of butter, 8 eggs, 2 tablespoonfuls of ginger, 1 cup of cream, grated peel of 1 lemon, 1 teaspoonful of pearl ash (or soda), flour to make as thick as pound-cake. Beat the whites and yolks of the eggs separately. Dissolve the soda in a little cold water. Beat the butter until it is creamy. Add the eggs, cream, molasses, ginger, lemon rind, and soda. Mix well, and add the flour.

Good Johnny Cake.—Beat up one egg with one-third of a cup of sugar, add one tablespoonful of melted butter, and one pint of sweet milk, two and a half cups of meal, half cup of flour, teaspoonful of cream-of-tartar and half teaspoonful of soda.

A Dish for Breakfast.—Take a sheep's brains and scald so as to set them; when cold, divide each lobe like a kidney, egg and bread-crumb, and fry a nice, light brown, with little rows of bacon as an accompaniment.

Cocoanut Pie.—One pound grated cocoanut; 1 do. sugar; 13 ounces of butter; 4 eggs, the milk of the cocoanut; 1 cup of cream; 1 wine glass of brandy; flavor with extract lemon.

PERSONAL.

HAS the search for little Charlie Ross been abandoned?

SENATOR SPRAGUE lodges at "Edgewood," the late residence of Chief Justice Chase, north of Washington City.

PIO NONO is going to guard St. Peter's with statues of the twelve Apostles, and finish the group with a bust of himself.

THE wedding of Miss Spoon, a Wisconsin belle, created quite a stir. She will probably carry sweetness to her husband's lips.

MR. HENRY D. COOKE'S furniture and paintings will be sold at auction for the benefit of his creditors, at Washington, to-day.

BISHOP GILMORE, of the Roman Catholic diocese of Cleveland, Ohio, has gone to Florida for the winter for the benefit of his health.

A MR. HOWARD, who is said to have been with Livingstone for years in Africa, has just purchased an extensive salt works in Virginia.

MR. FIELD has procured, in addition to his $15,000, a divorce from his wife, and the custody of his child. Mrs. Field may not marry again, and refuses the $15,000.

SIR WILLIAM GULL, M. D., reports that the Canon Kingsley is severely prostrated by inflammation of the lungs. The acuter symptoms are diminishing, and there is fair hope that the patient may rally.

WOODHULL & CLAFLIN will present a petition to Congress asking for $100,000 indemnity for the suppression of their paper, their imprisonment, and persecution for publishing the first of the Beecher scandal.

QUEEN VICTORIA has hit the nail on the head at last. She says: "Oh! if our people would only dress like peasants, and not go about in flimsy, faded silk bonnets and shawls!" Oh! if they only would; but then they won't.

MR. CALLAN, one of the oldest inhabitants of Washington, drank wine with the first Adams on New Year's Day, and an older inhabitant, David Hebron by name, has shaken hands with every President from Washington down.

THE death is announced of Major Richard G. Murphy of Shakopee, Minn., one of the oldest and best known citizens of the State. His first public office was that of Indian Agent for the Sioux, to which he was appointed by President Pierce. He was also the first President of the State Senate.

THE Rev. E. Reed, a Protestant Episcopal clergyman of Philadelphia, has prepared a chart, in the form of a genealogical or historical tree, representing the growth of the Universal Christian Church, from the time of its foundation. The tree has nineteen branches, each representing a century.

MRS. RHODA CLARK, of Auburn, Mass., celebrated her hundredth birthday on Jan. 15. She sat in her arm chair under an arch of smilax, with 100 worked in evergreens. She has had five children, twenty grandchildren, thirty-five great grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren, making in all forty-eight living descendants.

AT Manchester in England, they want the heirs of Tom Adams, otherwise George Worley, a native of that city, to distribute a fortune of $18,000 left by Tom, recently defunct at Mazatlan, where he was too much shot at by the Spanish to survive. Tom or George was one of those honest, persistent men of character, who subdue the world and get money, one way or another. He mentioned to the officials on his deathbed that he had at different times found himself compelled to kill no less than fourteen persons at Liverpool, Oswego, Toledo, Chicago, Toronto, Niagara, Louisville, Memphis and other places.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

A THEATRICAL advertisement in New York will draw 2,000 people—wanting situations.

AN Ohio Court has decided that it is libellous to dun your creditors by means of postal card messages.

A CITIZEN of Baltimore was recently fined $5 for a breach of the city ordinance against working on Sunday.

SALMON eggs do not seem to thrive in New Zealand. Out of 120,000 sent to that country two years ago, only 135 salmon are now alive.

A THRIFTY rat has been found in a tea store at Salem. He weighed twelve ounces, and had secreted eighty-seven pounds of nuts for the winter.

THE Sheriff of Northumberland county has offered a reward of $100 for the capture of Thomas Flynn, who recently escaped from Sunbury jail.

ACCORDING to a careful estimate, Philadelphia furnished employment to not less than sixty thousand women, exclusive of those engaged in domestic service.

THE date of running the first train through the Hoosac Tunnel has been "definitely fixed" for January 30. Eleven thousand feet of track yet remain to be laid.

ONLY 1,923 miles of new railway have been opened in this country during the past year. This is less than half the mileage of 1874, and but little more than a quarter of the mileage of 1872.

IT looks bad to see a dog preceding his master down the street, and calmly turn down the stairs to the first saloon he approaches. It shows there is something wrong, something lacking, a deplorable tendency—on the part of the dog.

AFTER the body of Heidenblat, who was executed in Philadelphia, Wednesday, had been cut down, it was handed over to a party of physicians, who immediately proceeded with it to the Jefferson Medical College, where galvanic experiments were instituted.

AT Trevoux, in France, a farmer's boy killed two young owls in a nest near the house, and the old owl watched around for several nights, till on the fifth night an old maid owl struck the same boy in the face, and put one of his talons in the boy's left eye.

IN excavations made for the Lyons Railroad, near Fourvieres, France, they have come upon important Roman ruins. An entire Gallo-Roman city was swallowed up in that neighborhood by an earthquake in the year 800. It is thought these ruins may be some part of that city.

THE Superintendent of Education in South Carolina informs us, in his annual report, just published, that 45,774 white and 58,964 colored children attend school in the State. This shows that not quite one-half of the school population has yet been provided with facilities of free education.

THE *Japan News* gives currency to a statement on good authority that Japanese criminals prefer being strangled to being decapitated, and that, too, on religious grounds; the idea apparently being that so long as the body is intact its resurrection will be possible, but that when the head is once separated from the body it may never be reunited.

IT appears that cremation has been practiced among certain Indian tribes in times past. Dr. Loconte reports a case in December, 1850, which occurred near Fort Yama, at the junction of the Colorado and Gila Rivers. The dead body was laid in a ditch, dug in the dry clay, fire was applied, which soon communicated itself to the body; an old man with a long pointed stick removed the eyes, impaling and holding them in the direction of the sun. The fragments were put in a terra cotta vase and handed to the family.

POLITICAL NOTES.

THE Republicans of Kentucky have changed their time for holding their State Convention from February 17 to May 13. They will meet at Louisville.

THE Washington *Republican* has published extracts from hundreds of papers showing that the Republican press of the country is in line with the President's message.

THE Democratic calls for indignation meetings have stirred up protests in nearly every place where those calls were circulated, from the fact that names have been put on the list without authority.

THE names of United States Senators from New York since the Democrats were last in power are: William H. Seward, Hamilton Fish, Preston King, Ira Harris, Edwin D. Morgan, Roscoe Conkling, and Reuben E. Fenton.

Pittsburgh Bank for Savings,
No. 61 Fourth Ave., Pittsburgh.
CHARTERED IN 1862.
Assets January 1, 1873, - - - $778,251.56
OPEN DAILY from 9 to 4 o'clock, and SATURDAY EVENING, from May 1st to November, 1st, from 7 to 9 o'clock, and from November 1st to May 1st, 6 to 8 o'clock. Interest paid at the rate of 6 per cent., computed from the 1st and 15th of each month, and if not withdrawn, compounds semi-annually, in January and July. Books of By-Laws, &c., furnished at the office.
Board of Managers—George A. Berry, President; John Scott, Jas. Park, Jr., Vice Presidents; D. E. McKinley, Secretary and Treasurer.
A. Bradley, J. L. Graham, A. S. Bell, Wm. K. Nimick, John S. Dilworth, F. Rahm, G. Follansbee, Joshua Rhodes, S. H. Hartman, Robert C. Schmertz, Christopher Zug.
Solicitor—John H. Bailey.

DIVIDENDS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH INS CO., Hays' Block, 72 Wood street,
PITTSBURGH, January 5, 1875.
DIVIDEND NO. 34.—THE DIRECTORS of this Company have this day declared a semi-annual Dividend of FIVE DOLLARS per share, (10 per cent.) payable on and after the 11th inst.
ja18:6t HILLIS McKOWN, Sec'y.

SHOE AND LEATHER BANK,
No. 14 Smithfield Street,
PITTSBURGH, Pa., January 15, 1875.
DIVIDEND.—THE DIRECTORS of this Bank have this day declared a Dividend of FIFE (5) PER CENT., payable on demand.
J. D. FRAZIER,
ja12 Cashier.

DRY GOODS & TRIMMINGS.
Wednesday, January 20.
EXTRAORDINARY
ALL DEPARTMENTS
LADIES' DRESS GOODS,
Suits, Jackets, Shawls, &c.
Ladies' and Children's Furs.
We will offer unprecedented bargains in the above goods to secure their rapid sale, including some of the finest and choicest goods to be found in this market.
At 12½c, Very desirable Dark Dress Goods.
At 15c, Choice Styles Dark Dress Goods.
At 18½c and 25c, Very Choice Dress Goods.
Remarkable Bargains in Black Alpacas,
Black All-Wool Cashmeres, very low.
French Merinos and Cashmeres, all colors.
Tycoon Repps less than market prices.
Mourning Dress Goods, all kinds.
Fine Dress Goods, decided bargains.
Black Dress Silks, exceedingly low.
At $3, Navy Blue Felt Suits for Ladies.
At $3, Heavy All-Wool Shawls—full size.
At $5, All-Wool Shoulder Shawls.
Ladies, best Suits at very low prices.
Bargains in Jackets, Sacques, &c., including some very fine and choice Shawls of all kinds at low prices.
Ladies' & Children's Furs
AT EXCEEDINGLY LOW PRICES.
BARGAINS IN
A Lot of Short Lengths and Remnants of Dress Goods.
WILLIAM SEMPLE,
January 12th.
PREVIOUS TO OUR
Annual Inventory of Stock
WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING
LINES OF GOODS
AT
REDUCED PRICES!
Children's, Misses' and Ladies' Fancy Cashmere and Wool Hosiery.
Merino Vests and Drawers.
Scarlet and White All Wool Vests and Drawers.
Velveteen and Cloth Leggings.
Felt and Quilted Skirts.
Woven Scarfs and Shawls.
Hand Knit Breakfast Shawls,
Ladies' and Misses' Flannel and Felt House Sacques.
A small lot of Misses' Navy Blue Cloth Sailor Suits.
Ladies' Cloth Sacques and Misses' Jackets at less than cost.
A few Velvet Cloaks to be closed at less than half the regular price.
Embroidered Cashmere Polonaise (made up) to be sold very cheap.
Black Dress Silks, best makes and quality, guaranteed at lowest figures.
Black and White Striped Silks.
Gros Grain Sash and Trimming Ribbons, in Seal Browns, Navy Blue and other desirable shades.
Silk Handkerchiefs, a choice assortment.
Men's Silk and Cashmere Mufflers.
Ladies' and Children's Cloth Glo

FINANCIAL.

PRAETSCH, STROUS & CO.,
BANKERS AND BROKERS,
No. 58 FOURTH AVENUE,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Deposits received and interest allowed on daily balances.
Collections made on all points of the United States.
We buy and sell Stocks, Bonds and Government Securities on Commission.
Mortgages and Commercial Paper
A SPECIALTY.
Passage tickets to and from Europe and Sight Drafts on England, Ireland and Scotland at lowest rates.

SHOE AND LEATHER BANK,
14 Smithfield Street,
PITTSBURGH, PA.
CAPITAL, - - - - - - $200,000.
D. R. DAVIDSON, President.
JOHN D. FRASER, Cashier.
Deposits received and 6 per cent. interest allowed Time Deposits. Particular attention given to collections and proceeds promptly remitted.

GERMAN NATIONAL BANK,
Cor. Wood St. and Sixth Ave.
CAPITAL, - - - - - $250,000.
SURPLUS, - - - - - 127,000.
Interest allowed on Time Deposits.
Exchange on Germany, France, England and Switzerland at lowest rates. Collections made promptly on all parts of the United States and Canadas. Particular attention given to all business of correspondents.
DIRECTORS—A. Groetzinger, J. F. Havekotte, W. F. Lang, J. C. Dickson, E. H. Meyers, Jos. Lang, Paul Hugus, Christ. Seibert, F. Haberman, A. Groetzinger, President.
JOSEPH LAURANT, Cashier.

INTERNATIONAL BANK,
Cor. Liberty and Market Sts.
CAPITAL.....$200,000.
PAYS INTEREST ON DEPOSITS,
5 per cent. per annum upon daily balances—from active non-borrowing accounts—payable on demand.
6 per cent. per annum on special deposits for 60 days and upwards. Special agreements relating to interest made. Notes and Bills purchased.
WM. PHILLIPS, Jr., President.
WM. NEEB, Vice President.
F. E. McVay, Cashier.

DAILY GAZETTE.
FINANCIAL
Latest Advices Concerning Money and Stock Matters.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, FRIDAY, January 22, 1875.

A more active demand was manifest yesterday at the banks, and a better show of business was apparent through the city. There is an undercurrent of belief that the puddlers' strike will soon end, and that business will resume at the mills. The exact basis of this impression cannot be very clearly stated, but it is believed that the puddlers are more yielding than they were, and that there is a better feeling growing up between the two parties. We fully believe that there will be a general condition of business favorable to the active resumption of manufactures in the Spring. What the prices will be, and what the rates paid for labor is another and different question. We very much hope that some basis can be speedily reached that will permit the active resumption of manufacturing activity.

—Dispatches sent out from Washington say that applications for new national bank currency to the amount of $1 000,000 have already been made to the Treasury, and that these applications come from the old banks in the Middle and Eastern States. With these applications on hand, the practical effect will be to create, first, a demand for United States bonds to pledge as security for the notes issued, and, second, to cause a contraction of the legal tender circulation to the amount of 80 per cent. of the bank notes issued. We do not, however, apprehend any serious consequences in the money market by any present operations under the new Finance law.

—The Lake Shore injunction case came up Tuesday for argument before Judge Tappan, in Brooklyn, by adjournment from Monday. After argument, the Court took the papers and reserved its decision. In this case Mr. Jacob Rubino, as a holder of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway Company's stock and bonds, wishes the company to be restrained from paying him the dividend upon his 200 shares of stock, on the ground that it has failed to comply with the sinking fund engagement of the trust deed of July, 1870, under which the Union Trust Company is trustee for the first consolidated mortgage of $25,000,000. Upon inquiry at the office of the Union Trust Company this afternoon, we learned that the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway Company has, in fact, complied with the sinking fund engagements referred to, and has delivered to the Union Trust Company $1,000,000 for the sinking fund of the first consolidated mortgage—namely, $489,000 in bonds covered by that mortgage and $511,000 in cash.

Luther S. Kaufman, Broker, No. 96 Fourth avenue, furnishes the following quotations of bonds and stocks from the latest advices by telegraph:

	Opened.	Asked
Gold	112⅝	112⅝
U. S. 5-20s—1861—coupons	118	118⅛
" 1862 "	114⅞	114⅞
20—1864 "	116⅛	116⅜
" 1865 "	118⅛	118¼
" 1865 new, "	117⅞	118
" 1867 "	118⅛	118⅜
" 1868—coupons	119	119⅛
10-40's	115⅛	115⅜
Currency 6's	118½	119¼
New 5 per cents	112⅛	112⅜
10-40's—coupons	115¼	115½
RAILWAYS.		
New York Central	102	102
Erie	25½	25⅝
I. C	97	97⅜
C. C. & I. C.	83	83½
St. Paul	38¼	37⅞
Do. Pref		58⅜
Michigan Southern	73¾	73⅞
Do Central	79	79⅛
North Western Common	44⅝	44⅞
Do. Pref	59⅝	60
Rock Island	103	103½
Cleveland & Pittsburgh	89⅝	
Pacific Mail	33¾	33⅝
Western Union Telegraph	73⅜	73½
Ohio & Mississippi	28⅛	28¼
Union Pacific	36½	36⅝
Toledo & Wabash	15	14⅞
Harlem	127	127⅜
Adams Express	109	110
American Express	64⅜	64½
U. S. Express	59	59⅜
Wells, Fargo & Co Express	81½	82
Fort Wayne	95	95
Hannibal & St. Joseph	22	22
Panama	110¾	28
Iron Mountain		

Luther S. Kaufman furnishes the following quotations of active stock on the Philadelphia Stock Board to-day:

	Bid.	Ask.
P. R. R.	55⅝	
" " scrip	106½	
Reading	36¼	
United Cos. of N. J.	130¾	130½
Oil Creek	15⅝	
P. C. & St. L. 7's	80	81

NEW YORK, January 21, 1875.

The Bank of New York in this city, the agent of the Fourth National Bank of Chicago, is paying the drafts of the latter to-day as usual. Money 2½@3; prime mercantile paper 5@6. Sterling was rather weak at 486½ for sixty days and 489½@489 3-4 for sight. The customs receipts were $482,000. Gold opened at 112¾, advanced to 112⅞, and closed at 112½. The carrying rates were 1 to 3. The Treasury disbursements amounted to $79,000. The clearings were $28,000,000. The specie shipments were increased to $700,000. Government bonds were strong and higher. Railroad bonds were firm. State bonds were quiet. Stocks were dull and barely steady during the greater portion of the day. Hannibal & St. Joseph Common broke down from 24¼ to 21¾, reacting to 22 bid at the close. The other changes were unimportant, and the market closed dull and steady. The transactions aggregated 156,000 shares, of which 5,000 were Pacific Mail, 29,000 Western Union, 5,000 Northwest Common, 5,000 Rock Island, 13,000 Erie, 5,000 St. Joseph Common, 22,000 Lake Shore, 22,000 Ohio, 7,000 Wabash, and 5,000 Union Pacific.

Governments.—U. S. coupons of 1881, 119¼@119⅜; of '62, 114⅝; do of '64, 115⅝; do of '65, 115¾; do of '67, 117⅝; do of '68, 118⅛; 10-40s, 115⅝; new 5s, 111¾; currency 6s, 118¾.

State Bonds.—Missouri 6s, 89½; Tennessee, old, 71; do new, 71; Virginia, new, 34; do old 34; North Carolina, old, 27; do new, 16.

Railroads.—Canada, 80½; Western Union Telegraph Company, 73½; Quicksilver, 33¼; Adams Express, 99¾; Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express, 82; American Express, 63; United States Express, 59; Pacific Mail 33¾; New York Central, 102; Erie, 25⅝; do preferred, 56; Harlem, 127; do preferred, 125; Michigan Central, 79; Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago, 95½; Northwestern Common, 44¾; do preferred, 59; Rock Island, 103¾; New Jersey Central, 107; St. Paul, 37¾; do. preferred, 58¾; Toledo & Wabash, 14⅝; do. preferred, 29; Fort Wayne, 95½; Terre Haute, 7; do. preferred, 28; Chicago & Alton, 105; do preferred, 109; Ohio & Mississippi, 28⅛; Cleveland, Columbus & Cincinnati, 54; Burlington & Quincy, 110; Lake Shore, 73¼; Panama, 110; Illinois Central, 96¾; Union Pacific, 36⅝; Central Pacific, 83½; Union, 91½; Delaware & Lackawanna, 107¾.

LONDON, January 21—5 P. M.—Consols: money 92⅛; account 92⅜@92⅝ for 1865, 107¼; do of '67, 107½; 10-40's 84¾; new 5's 102¾; Erie 26¾; Central 93; Erie 26¾; do preferred 44½.

FRANKFORT, January 21.—2-7's of 1872, 98½.

PARIS, January 21.—The specie in the Bank of France has increased 15,126,000 francs in the past week. Rentes 61f 85c.

COMMERCIAL.

Condition of the Markets at Home and Abroad.

DAILY REPORT OF PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, THURSDAY, Jan. 21, 1875.

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FRANKFORT, January 21.—2-7's of 1872, 98½.

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LATEST NEWS.

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Special to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

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SENATE.

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To define and punish kidnapping and concealing children, for the purpose of extorting money.

An act for the preservation of ballots, lists, and other papers in cases of contested elections for members of Congress.

Relative to day's of grace on negotiable paper.

Authorizing the holding of Orphan Courts by other than the regularly commissioned Judges in certain cases.

The act repealing the act of 1872 to regulate the election of school directors in subdistricts of Pittsburgh. Passed finally.

The following bills passed third reading:

An act to further provide for the due training of teachers for the common schools of this State.

The Session of 1876.

Mr. ERMENTROUT offered a resolution that the Committee on Education be instructed to report on the feasibility of holding no session in 1876, except special session of week to open and publish State Treasurer. elected.

Compulsory Education.

On motion of Mr. Anderson the Committee on Education was authorized to have printed five hundred copies of the bill on Compulsory Educatio.n Adjourned.

HOUSE.

Speaker Patterson announce the standing Committees of the House as follow:

Committees of the House.

Constitutional Reform.—Messrs. Gunster, Spang, Lusk, Grob, Irwin (Allegheny), Reighard, Shugart, Withington, Yerkes, Fincher, Mitchell, Mylin, Christy, Dickey, Reyburn, Wolfe, Brown (Erie), Gehr, Etla.

Ways and Means.—Messrs. Talley, Parker, Speer, Spangler, Smith, Embick, Foster, (Schuylkill,) Stotzer, Large, S. P., Lusk, Law, Ryan, Vodges, Hall, Smith, (Chester,) Phelps, Roney, Thompson, (Armstrong,) Cruikshank, Morgan, (Lawrence,) Nisley.

Appropriations—Messrs. Reighard, Hetrick, Wanner, Everhart, Deyarmon, Irwin, (Northampton), Gorman, Plummer, Kimmell, Hunsicker, Rose, Smith, (Chester,) Rice, Thompson, (Indiana,) Vodges, Wendt, Williams, (Susquehanna), Bardsley, Chapin, Knight, Humphrey.

Vice and Immorality.—Messrs. Rodgers, Thornton, Zern, Deyarmon, Keyser, Knipe, Snyder, Talley, Toner, Willett, Williams (Clarion), Worrall, Agnew, Morgan (Schuylkill), Mylin, Newell, O'Neill, Smith (Chester), Sonder, Williams (Susquehanna), Graham (Allegheny), Long.

Judiciary, (General.)—Messrs. Parker, Withington, Eldred, Spang, Reighard, Wanner, Lewis, (Luzerne,) Faunce, Barnett, Mitchell, Mylin, Reyburn, Schoch, Smith, (Chester,) Christy, Jackson, Rawlins, Jackson, Brown, (Erie.)

Banks.—Messrs. Foster, Hasson, Bedford, Lottus, Miller, (Berks), Monaghan, Malle, Stevens, Shiffler, Sheaffer, Bakeoven, Fortenbaugh, Miller, (Somerset), Loudenschlager, O'Neill, Reid, Smith, Thompson, (Armstrong), Bailey.

Corporations.—Messrs. Faunce, Lewis, Lottus, Law, Butler, Stephens, Spicer, Snyder, Aughenbaugh, Rutter, Agnew, Allen, Gehr, Good, Kimmell, Reyburn, Wood.

Corporations.—Messrs. Lusk, Durling, Everhart, Fogle, Henry, Holland, Harp, Mumper, Williams (Clarion), Holdenback, Agrew, Billingsley, Gillespie, Huhne, Jackson, Loudenschlager, Rice, Summey.

Mining.—Messrs. Graff, Dry, Deyarmon, Harvey, Large, S. P., Miller, (Berks), Mumper, Reutter, Ryan, Willett, Billingsley, Campell, John, Leigh, Miner, Nissley, Schoch, Sonder, Miller, (Somerset.)

Manufacturing.—Messrs. Fincher, Irwin (Allegheny), Buck, Carver, Gross, Large S. P., Loftus, Miller (Berks), Harvey Richardson, Boyd, Campbell, Cruikshank Edge, Endsley, Falkenberry, Findley, Longenbaugh.

Printing.—Messrs. Stahle, Plummer, McNite, Butler, Crawford, Everhart, Henry, Hetrick, Losch, Miller, (Somerset,) Nisley, Sadge, Lange, Patterson, Petroff.

Municipal Corporations.—Messrs. Crawford, Richardson, Lyhott, Gentner, Henry, Holland, Kennedy, Miller (Philadelphia) Wilson, Zern, Douglass, Falkenberry, Lewis, Long, Newell, Salter, Wood, Roney, Shonk.

Public Buildings.—Messrs. Hetrick, Fincher, Andre (Berks), Parke, Boyer, Kinnuett, Gaffey, Rumford, Petroff, Allen, Logan (Erie), Miller (Somerset,) Montgomery.

Centennial.—Messrs. Zern, Hartshorn, Foster, Willett, Logan, (Crawford), Lyncott, Smith, (Bedford), Spicer, Tally, Yerkes, Wimmer, Rodgers, Park, Jamison, Mitchell, Mylin, Roney, Salter, Vodges, Hall, Douglass, Yeakel.

Judiciary, Local.—Messrs. Backus, Hays, Butler, Gunster, Hartshorn, Thornton, Hannon, Darby, Kistler, Parke, Austine, Allen, Fredericks, Graham, (Phila.,) Logan, (Erie,) Miner, Patterson, Rawlins, Shoemmiller, Morgan.

Railroads.—Messrs. Wimmer, Crawford, Carson, Conrad, Eldred, Graff, Gross, Hannon, Henry, Everhart, Swann, Worrall, Ella, Gillespie, Losch, Morgan (Lawrence,) Newell, Wendt, Wood, Stotzer, Salter.

Education.—Messrs. Piper, Barnett, Fincher, Law, Pallatt, Steck, Stotzer, Wilson, Wise, Rodgers, Sturtevant, Campbell, Hoffer, Bimphler, John, Logan, (Erie,) Stewart, Loudenslager, Kimmell, Lateer.

Accounts and Expenditures.—Messrs. Sturtevant, Backus, Darbey, Mateer, McNite, Bailey, Pallatt, Piper, Pallatt, Steck, Stotzer, Blatt, Brown, (Erie,) Carey, Chrisman, Fredericks, Hill, Hoffer, Wolfe, Losch.

Military.—Messrs. Harshorn, Talley, Hetrick, Carson, Knipe, Miller, (Philadelphia,) M'Assy, Large, Richardson, Stotzer, Ringgold, Chapin, Graham, (Allegheny,) Wolfe, Hostetter, Hune, Leigh, M'Gowan, Miner.

Elections.—Messrs. Withington, Plummer, M'Henry, Stahle, Brown, (Jefferson,) Faunce, Hannon, Irwin, (Allegheny,) Leeron, Dickey, Hall, Knight, Moscrip, Morgan, (Lawrence,) Quirk, Stewart, John.

Insurance.—Messrs. Spang, Wishart, Loftus, Aughenbaugh, Barnett, Dry, Gorman, Yerkes, Wise, Reed, Worrall, Ella, Siehr, Graham, (Philadelphia,) Hoffer, Hostetter, Kimmell, Findley.

Bureau of Statistics.—Messrs. Hollenback, McHenry, Knipe, Andre, Carver, Logan (Crawford), Monaghan, Mateer, Myers, McNite, McAsy, Schock, Thompson (Armstrong), Hune, Lewis (Schuylkill), Yeakel, Moscrip, John, Morgan (Schuylkill).

Counties and Townships.—Messrs. Plummer, Lecorn, M'Asy, Steck, Terry, Wanner, Wimmer, Brown, (Jefferson,) Gunster, Hasson, Quirk, Roberts, Tracy, Agnew, Devereux, Humphries, Leigh, M'Gowan.

Compare Bills.—Messrs. Eldred, Erwin, (Northampton,) Bedford, Glummell, Jamison, M'Henry, Kistler, Edge, Graham, (Allegheny,) Kimmell, Mumford, Phelps, Sieber, Thompson, (Indiana,) Yeakel.

Agriculture.—Messrs. Smith (Berks), Logan (Crawford), Austine, Embick, Geiselman, Gaffey, Kerper, Myres, Shugart, Buck, Reddelley, Gilbert, Rowan, Roddelley, Boemmiller, Soader, Summey, Treacy, Williams (Susquehanna.)

City Passenger Railways.—Messrs. Kennedy, Conrad, Dry, Gentner, Holland, Monaghan, Pallatt, Rumford, Wendt, Hays, Bakeoven, Hill, Leigh, McGowan, Montgomery, Patterson (Philadelphia), Petroff, Salter, O'Neill.

Iron and Coal.—Messrs. Thornton, Williams (Clarion,) Lewis (Luzerne,) Mumper, Wishart, Boyer, Durling, Fogle, Gentner, Holland, Kennedy, Bardsley, Chrisman, Devereaux, Graham (Allegheny,) Munn, Morgan (Schuylkill,) Schonk, Williams (Susquehanna.)

Retrenchment and Reform.—Messrs. Toner, Shidle, M'Lane, Large, Andrew, Wise, Rutter, Roney, Stahle, Jamison, Reutter, Boyer, Thompson, (Indiana,) Bailey, Biatt, Boyd, Casey, Good, Hill.

Library.—Messrs. Lewis. (Luzerne,) Shidle, Gemmell, Christy, Ringgold.

The following bills in place were read:

By Mr. FOSTER—One to prevent violations of the usury laws of this State and prohibit the banks under the control of the State from charging more than 6 per cent. interest.

Street Car Fare in Pittsburgh.

By Mr. IRWIN, Allegheny.—An act to repeal the act regulating the fare on certain passenger railroads in the county of Allegheny. This act is as follows: That an act of Assembly aproved March 15, A. D. 1867, entitled "An act to regulate rates of fare on certain passenger railroads in the county of Allegheny" be and the same is hereby repealed.

Also an act to provide for the removal of county seats, the sale of old buildings and the erection of new ones in the counties of the Commonwealth.

A Blast at Local Option.

By Mr. GUNSTER—An act to provide for new counties.

By Mr. TONER—One to repeal an act permitting the voters of this Commonwealth to vote every three years on the question of licenses.

Also an act to fix the salaries of officers of the Commonwealth.

The State Treasury.

The resolution for an investigation of the State Treasury accounts after a short debate was referred to the Judiciary General Committee.

The Ohio River Improvement.

The House concurred in the Senate resolution requesting our Senators and directing our representatives in Congress to urge the passage of an appropriation for the improvement of the Ohio river.

Mr. LONG (Allegheny) moved to abolish the publication of the *Legislative Record*, which would save the State thousands.

Adjourned. K.

NEW YORK.

THE TILTON - BEECHER CASE.

Moulton Still Telling What He Knows of the Scandal.

NEW YORK, January 21, 1875.

The Tilton-Beecher Case.

The Brooklyn City Court room seemed to be even more crowded than usual this morning at the opening of the scandal trial. Mrs. Tilton and her friends, Mrs. Shearman and Mrs. Field, were early in their seats. Theodore Tilton came in with ex-Judge Beach, with whom he had a whispered conversation. Rev. H. W. Beecher and wife arrived on time, and sitting behind them was a delegation of Plymouth brethren.

Mr. Moulton took his place on the witness stand, and General Tracy continued his cross-examination. Moulton said the interview with Mr. Beecher on January 1st might have lasted an hour or two. I think Mr. Beecher showed deep feeling at that interview. I was sitting at the end of the table, Beecher facing me; it was some remark made by Beecher about Tilton that made me suggest the preparation of the paper; I said to Mr. B. that "If you felt this way toward Mr. Tilton, you should tell him so," and he said: "If you take pen and paper, I will." I told him "I took back the letter of reexamination to Tilton last night," and that Tilton was endeavoring to suit the family; nothing was said of Tilton's financial condition; I may have made reference to Tilton's discharge by Bowen; this was the first interview I had with Beecher since that time. I had a talk with Beecher after the letter was written about the stories Bowen had been telling about Tilton; Mr. Beecher said Bowen had told him about the woman and her relations with Tilton; I told him from what I knew of the parties, I believed the story to be untrue. Mr. Beecher said he was glad to hear that the stories were untrue, and expressed his sorrow for having repeated the stories to other people, and that he would write a note to Bowen telling him so; he did not write a letter at this interview to Tilton; at that interview I said nothing about Bessie Turner to him; her name was not mentioned until some time after that.

I do not remember when I saw the paper that Theodore Tilton had a copy of; first knew he had a copy of the paper at either the time of the publication of what was called the "True story of the Bacon letter." I do not think Tilton made a copy of it the night I read it to him; my recollection is he did not take a short-hand copy of it; do not remember that he did on any other occasion have an opportunity to copy the letter; neither did I know where the portion of it was obtained which was published in the Bacon letter. I was educated at the New York Academy, now the College. I did not always write my name Moulton in my correspondence with literary people, but did at one time. Mr. Beecher dictated this letter, sentence by sentence, deliberately, and I took it down. This letter was written as fast as dictated to me.

Witness was here handed a letter.

This seems to be written with a quill pen, and I generally write with a quill pen. I think I wrote this letter with a quill pen.

Mr. Shearman here read the letter of contrition, following the punctuations as laid down in the letter.

Mr. Beecher dictated every word that is in the letter. I think the first sentence Mr. B. dictated on that occasion was the one beginning: "I ask, through you, Theodore Tilton's forgiveness," &c.; wrote this letter as fast as it was dictated to me; but do not know how long it took; I do not recollect if Beecher ever dictated any other letter than this to me; this was not in my ordinary hand-writing, as I do not usually write with a quill pen; I wrote a very irregular hand, sometimes large and at other times small; I saw Beecher again on the 1st day of January, in his house, saw him in the back parlor, and went up stairs with him; do not remember if he went into the study; this was at 5 or 6 in the afternoon and may have remained there two or three hours; my interview with him was alone; I can't say who opened the door to me; it was either on this day or a day or two after then; he read to me the draft, and I said it was just and truthful. I then told Beecher that Tilton was preparing a letter to Bowen; do not remember it; Beecher asked me what were the charges preferred by Bowen against him; told Beecher I would try and get hold of the letter for the purpose of negotiating with Bowen; Tilton wanted to publish this letter and let the public know as to the severance of his connection with Bowen; Tilton began writing his letter on the evening of January 1st at my house; think he finished the draft of it that night; I visited Beecher on the 2d of January, at his invitation, given on the previous day. In my statement to General Butler, I told him Beecher asked me if it would be safe to let the sale of Plymouth pews take place, and I replied in return that it would. On January 1st Beecher told me he had prayed to God for help to discontinue their sexual relations; these were the very words he uttered to me. I do not recollect if these were the words he always used when speaking of their intimacy.

General Tracy asked witness if he had in his possession any documents relating to Bessie Turner, and before a reply was given the counsel asked the lawyers on the other side to produce them.

Ex-Judge Morris stated that he had asked the counsel on the other side to furnish him with a list of documents he required on the day before, as it would take a long time to find them.

While the counsel was engaged in the search, the cross-examination was continued. Handing two letters to witness: I see these two letters before you, addressed to Judge Morris. They came into my possession shortly after their writing, January 10 and January 12, 1871. I have had them ever since; do not know how I received them; they may have come to me by a messenger or by mail; Bessie Turner was then residing with Tilton. When I got them I put them away. I talked with Tilton after getting the letters; do not know if he gave them to me; these are all the papers I recollect now having received from Bessie Turner. Arrangements were made for her going away before I received the letters. I do not remember when she went away; think I have got bills that will show when she entered the school.

Counsel offered letters in evidence to show that the girl had been sent away because she had heard stories against Tilton, and not because she had heard stories against Beecher.

The Court ruled out these letters.

The counsel offered to read these letters. Objected to.

Counsel then received permission from the Court to read the letter of January 12th, addressed to Mrs. Tilton by Bessie Turner, stating that the story of Tilton carrying her from her bed was a wicked lie, and the letter of January 10th, telling Mrs. Tilton that Mrs. Morse had offered inducements to her to tell stories about her husband, which she did not think would be right after the kindness she had received at both their hands.

These two letters were admitted in evidence, and the Court then took a recess, after which the cross-examination of Moulton was resumed. I was handed the envelope containing Bessie Turner exhibits, and recognized the handwriting on it as Mr. Tilton's.

The envelope was placed in evidence.

Witness continued: The first money I received from Mr. Beecher was on June 26th, 1871, in a check for $155.85, received is enclosed in an envelope, told him the bill for Bessie Turner's schooling expenses was due, and in reply I received that check. This was the first bill I received or knew of for Bessie's schooling; think the bill was from C. C. Betty, principal of the school. On getting the bill I communicated with Beecher. The next money was received November 14th, 1871, when I got $150 by check from Beecher, Mrs. Tilton saying it was required for Bessie Turner. The next sum was got May 29, 1872, a check for $294.76. I received a request from Mrs. Tilton in August, 1871, for $150, which I gave her, and the $150 given me in November, 1871, was to reimburse me for my advance to her. The next money was on February 20, 1872, for $500. $245 of it was paid Mr. Betty, and the balance was given to Mrs. Tilton, in currency; do not know how the fact of Mrs. Tilton requiring money was conveyed to me.

The letter was produced and handed to witness.

This note is in my handwriting. I sent it to Mr. Beecher. I received the amount asked for in the letter from Beecher.

The letter was read, dated New Dorp, October 1st, 1872, requesting the sum of $294.76.

Do not remember what this money was for. I paid the first bill of Bessie Turner's by a check for $155.27.

Counsel here read various items of bills paid for the maintenance of Bessie Turner at the seminary at Steubenville.

The two letters before you from Tilton to me, and the other two were from Beecher to Mrs. Tilton. They were all written for purposes of reconciliation. This was shortly before the starting of the *Golden Age* newspaper. Tilton invested some $4,000 or $5,000 in it, Mr. Mason invested $3,000, Mr. Woodruff subscribed $3,000, I subscribed $3,000, and Mr. Robinson subscribed $1,000. The terms of these subscriptions were that they should be paid by Tilton, I believe, and Tilton gave them his notes for the amounts. These subscriptions were paid in as they were wanted after the 2d of March. All of Tilton's time was absorbed with the paper. During this time I saw Beecher, but not frequently. Tilton might have been present on one or two occasions. I was at Tilton's house shortly after the *Golden Age* was started, when Beecher and Mrs. Woodhull were there. This was in 1871, before the publication of the Woodhull statement. I think in the month of February. I was looking for Beecher, and found him in the office of the *Golden Age*, with Tilton. Mr. Beecher, Tilton, Oliver Johnson and myself were together at a yacht-race in October, 1871. We were together then about three or four hours. I invited Beecher and Tilton there. I do not remember if he visited the warehouses that day. I do not know if Beecher and Tilton dined at my house after the yacht race. The publication of the Woodhull biography was in September, 1871. I don't remember if it was published in the *Golden Age*. It was published in the form of a small pamphlet. I never read it all through. Her life was issued in a tract form, but I do not know if it was one of the *Golden Age* publications. Woodruff about this time surrendered his note to Tilton, and was released from the payment of half his subscription which he had paid. I do not recollect the date of the publication of "Sir Marmaduke's Mustache." Tilton never told me that his publication of the "Life of Victoria Woodhull" in the *Golden Age* was disastrous to him and his newspaper enterprise. Tilton said to me he did it as a friendly act, and in the interests of repression of the stories against Beecher. I told him that I thought its effects would be disastrous to the paper. I cannot fix the date of my going out of the paper, but think it was the time Tilton left the other. Woodruff said that it would be better for Theodore Tilton to be sole proprietor of the paper. I did not then consider that Tilton was sole proprietor of the paper. The notes were given by Tilton, to be payable on the success of the *Golden Age*. In September, 1871, Mrs. Woodhull visited my house. She may have dined there once or twice. I may have urged my wife to make her acquaintance. I think the last time I saw her was in the Autumn of 1872. I do not remember that Tilton and I had any difficulty with Mrs. Woodhull when I last saw her. I never heard from Tilton that Mrs. Woodhull was threatening to publish an article called "Tit for Tat," reflecting on several ladies.

The Court adjourned.

HOME NEWS.

$10 Reward.

For several days past some of our subscribers on Fifth avenue, Smithfield, Wood, and Liberty streets, have been annoyed by the depredations of vandals, who steal the GAZETTE after the carriers have made their rounds. We will pay a reward of $10 for the detection of the parties who are guilty of these thefts, or for any information that leads to their arrest.

Womens' Christian Association.

The seventh anniversary of the Womens' Christian Association will be held at the First Presbyterian church, Pittsburgh, on Sabbath evening, January 24th, at 7.30.

Sleigh Smashed.

About eleven o'clock on Wednesday night, as two young men were driving along the Perry ville road, in Allegheny, a sleigh, containing [illegible] ran off and the sleigh was entirely demolished. The occupants, two young men, were both thrown out and somewhat bruised. The horse and sleigh belonged to Mr. Stacy.

The Commissionership Question.

Yesterday, in the Common Pleas Court No. 1, in the case of the Commonwealth *ex rel.* Jacob Lashel vs. Jacob Stuckrath, A. M. Brown, Esq., attorney for the plaintiff, made a motion to quash the writ of *quo warranto*, giving his reasons, that the prosecutor, Jacob Lashel, is not a proper party to prosecute the writ or use the process of the Court.

Second—That the case was improperly granted without the suggestion of the attorney-general.

Third—The suggestion is insufficient, both in form and substance, to warrant the granting of the writ. The paper was ordered to be filed.

Allegheny Street Department.

A regular meeting of the Street Committee of Allegheny Councils was held last evening, Mr. Ackley in the chair.

On motion the engineer was directed to prepare an estimate of the cost of placing a stone wall at the head of Boyle street.

Street Commissioner Tyson was directed to grade Fairmount street at the intersection with Quarry street, to conform with the grade of that street.

An ordinance was ordered to be submitted to Councils appointing Messrs. Wm. H. Richardson, R. H. Knox, and Henry Gerwig viewers to assess the benefits and damages for grading the Troy Hill road.

An ordinance was also ordered for the grading and paving of Williams street, from Ohio to Perry streets.

Mr. Israel V. Hoag was re-elected Inspector of Street Improvements.

The Street Commissioners were authorized to purchase four sections of hose with which to clean the street crossings.

Bills to the amount of $45.36.

They decided to ask for an appropriation of $40,000 to meet their expenses for the year.

Adjourned to meet on Tuesday afternoon.

Funeral of Mr John Ross.

Yesterday afternoon the funeral of Mr. John Ross took place from the family residence in Aiken avenue, near Shady Side station, and a very large number of friends were gathered on the occasion to testify their esteem for the departed.

The services among those who were personally acquainted with him, and held in great regard for many excellent traits of head and heart. As a friend he was true and constant, ever ready to lend a helping hand, by whom he numbered among his more intimate associates. Socially he was quiet in demeanor, courteous, and kindly in manner, and was a recognized favorite in the circle in which he moved. In public life he filled a number of positions of trust, around the Legislature House and at Harrisburg previous to his election to the Secretaryship of the Water Commission. Since his retiracy from this last position he had been in failing health, and in the hope of recuperation, sought the salubrious climate of Colorado, but it was of no avail and he returned to his home without having accomplish the purpose of his westward journeying.

His death will be a source of sincere sorrow among a large circle of friends.

School Boards.

The following school boards have recently organized:

Twelfth Ward (O'Hara School) — President, Wm. Freeman; Secretary, Dr. Asdale; Treasurer, Robert Liddell; Directors, Geo. F. Larimer, Thos. Rowswell, R. Thompson. No ward school tax will be levied this year, as the board has a balance of $2,200 from last year.

Wilkins' District—Thirty-seventh Ward—President, W. H. Devore; Secretary, W. F. Gardiner; Treasurer, Andrew Miller; W. H. Devore, 1876; L. B. Davidson, 1876; W. F. Gardiner, 1877; Levi Ludwick, 1877; Conrad Fow, 1878. John Pilsher, Clerk.

Mt. Albion District—Eighteenth Ward—President, David Kirk; Secretary, C. W. Lewis; Treasurer, A. W. Young. David Kirk, 1876; Wm. Francis, 1876; John McMasters, 1877; C. W. Lewis, 1878; James Davidson, 1878.

North Sub-District—Fourth Ward—Dr. T. W. Shaw, President; John Pilsher, C. Sturgher, secretary, and Mr. N. Holmes, Treasurer.

St. Clair District—Twenty-seventh Ward—August Ammon, President; Joseph Kimmel, Secretary, and Martin Fagan, Treasurer.

Minersville District—Thirteenth Ward.—President, Joseph S. Lowry; Secretary, W. S. McCutcheon; Treasurer, Geo. L. Whitney. Joseph S. Lowry, 1876; W. S. McCutcheon, 1876, E. J. Taylor, 1877; George Sellers, 1877; Robert Arthurs, 1878; J. A. Hunter, 1878.

THE NATION TRUST COMPANY.

Suits Brought by the Receiver.

In the Common Pleas Court No. 1 yesterday, suits were brought against the following parties by Receiver Bailey, who are alleged to be in account with the Nation Trust Company:

Name.	*Amount claimed.*
W. J. McFetridge	$ 480 00
Henry Elkin	305 00
J. S. S. Knox	196 77
James Gallagher	22,971 74
John Matthews	1,250 00
Kirsh & Van Buren	315 92
S. A. Vetter	280 00
William Elkin	290 00

Summons were issued in each case.

WESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Exhibition by the Junior Class this Evening.

The Junior Class of the Western University will give an entertainment in University Hall this evening, to which friends of the institution are invited. The programme of exercises embraces the following orations:

Value of Reputation	Thomas Wood Lloyd.
Spirit of Culture	John Moorhead, Jr.
Change	Charles Richard Matchett.
Worship of Success	Marshall Childs.
Influence	Oliver Herbert Farley.
Work and Wages	Thomas H. Baird Patterson.
Conscience and Law	George Henry Stengel.
Liberty, True and False	Harry H. Blair.
Agriculture	Charles Jennings Phillips.
Choice of Occupation	P. Ross McCullough.
The Power of Woman	Augustus Ammon.
Obedience	James Milton Taylor.

The literary exercises will be interspersed with good music, and the entertainment promises to be very enjoyable.

WANTS HIS MONEY.

Action Against the Executors of an Estate to Recover the Amount of a Life Insurance Policy.

An action was begun in the Common Pleas Court No. 2 yesterday, by Hironimus Miller against Anton Schmidt and Joseph Hartman for the recovery of $4,400. The plaintiff alleges that in the year 1870 he insured the life of his wife in the Atlantic Mutual Life Insurance Company, of Albany, New York, for the sum of $5,000,—the amount of the policy to be paid to him at her death; that said policy was taken out for his sole benefit, and that under this understanding he paid the cash premiums on it, both at the time it was taken out and at all times thereafter when they became due; that before the death of his wife she appointed the respondents executors, and that they have collected, on account of said policy, the sum of $4,700, out of which they have only paid over to the plaintiff $300. A summon was issued.

OUR AMERICAN ITALY.

Florida as a Winter Resort—Its Salubrity of Climate—Early History—Attractive Scenery—The Pennsylvania Railroad Excursion Routes — Cheap and Agreeable Winter Excursions.

We assume that the readers of the GAZETTE are also readers of the popular magazines, those monthly libraries in popular form, so cheap, so versatile and interesting as to command multitudes of readers, and so instructive as to be worthy of the title of great popular educators. In months past one and another of these magazines have been unfolding, by engraving and letter press, the glories of a State, where balmy Spring or gentle Summer ever reign,—the one exchanging its glory for the other, but neither of them permitting rude Autumn or frigid Winter to enter their domains. It is the land of resort for invalids seeking health from that great physician and restorer, gentle nature; of the tourist, who seeks new scenes, to gratify his taste and while away his time; of the sportsman, who finds game unique and wonderful, to test his skill or try his patience, even the speculator comes here, for in incipient and cheaply bought orange groves and sugar plantations are prospective fortunes. Thus all classes and conditions are attracted to this land,—the famous region where in earlier times the fountain of youth,—the waters of immortality were sought,—our American Italy,—Sunny Florida! Before we speak of its many attractions, we will inform our readers of the many ways to get there, and the cheapness of the routes.

HOW TO GET THERE.

The Pennsylvania Railroad, which under its present administration, has gained an enviable reputation as the great railroad of the country, in its list of 600 tourist routes to various parts of the country, offers twenty-four distinct routes to or from Florida. The cheapness of these is something marvelous, when it is remembered that the excursions vary from about $50 to about $60 each. These several routes include the Washington and Alexandria, Richmond, Wilmington, Columbia, Augusta, Charlotte, Savannah, Charleston, —and indeed all the routes which can be named, and by means of which any part of the South can be taken *en route*. Thus water trips, involving passage on the lines of steamers that ply on the bays and inferior waterways of land trips by any railway, can be taken at choice, either going or coming. Thus the cost of the trip is made exceedingly low, and the cheapness of living in Florida serves to make the trip nearly, if not quite, as cheap as staying at home. We may add that the routes are well conceived and arranged, and the trip can be made cheaply and with comfort. In addition to the places thus briefly noticed, the routes to Florida embrace Macon, Augusta, Lynchburg, Greensboro, Danville, Petersburg, Weldon, Knoxville, and other points whose names are familiar to those who participated in, or watched the movements of, the armies of the North and South during the anxious and painful years of war. But the marks of conflict have generally disappeared, and gentle peace, with healing on its wings, has descended to make waste places glad and eradicate all personal animosities. In passing through these memorable scenes the tourist will see little to remind him of the terrible events which, ten years ago, were occurring here. The welcome and cheer of the people are quite as pleasant, as if no evil genius had ever cried "havoc, and let slip the dogs of war."

ATTRACTIONS OF FLORIDA.

Within the last half a score of years, a comparatively new field has been opened to the health and pleasure seeking people of Northern States, and the popularity already gained by this region of perpetual summer now rivals that of Southern France or balmy Italy,—those lands of refuge for the wretched and delight and care for the people of Western and Northern Europe, who flee from the rigors of their native climes to find healing and repose beneath the placid skies and amid the balmy breezes that distinguish the bordering on the Mediterranean. Twenty years ago the number of visitors who sought the extreme south-eastern portion of the United States in winter, was so few as to be exceptional. The hundreds who migrated from their northern homes when frost presaged the coming of dreaded winter, passed by the mild regions of their own hemisphere in the Bahamas or the West Indies. But the great Rebellion, like all great wars, taught impressive lessons, and profiting by one of these, a sanitarian was found in Florida where hosts of invalids and pleasure-seekers now annually resort to enjoy a salubrity of temperature and a wealth of natural beauty unsurpassed in the world.

Florida is principally a peninsula, shaped very much like the "boot of Italy," to which it is also similar in climate. Its territory lies between twenty-five degrees and thirty-one degrees north latitude, and between eighty degrees and eighty seven degrees forty-four minutes west longitude. It is about three hundred and eighty five miles long from north to south, and about fifty miles wide, this width increasing at the northern extremity of the State, where it is united to the main land. Hence, to a breadth of two hundred and fifty miles its surface is generally level,—probably at no place being elevated more than three hundred feet above the sea,—and much of its southern portion, including the coast and sisalhemp, the grape, and the cocoanut. There the Northerner, wont to boast of the brilliant sunsets of his own clime, finds all his past experience outdone. In the winter months, soft breezes come caressingly; the whole peninsula is carpeted with blossoms, and the birds sing sweetly in the unbroken silence. It has the charm of wildness, of mystery; it is untamed; civilization has not stained it."

EASE OF ACCESS.

These attractions are now accessible to the valetudinarian and pleasure seeker with as little fatigue, and can be enjoyed with as much comfort as the cool days of summer resorts in Northern States. The writer already quoted, who wrote amid the scenes described, says: "A good many people fancy that, in going to Florida, they are about to absent themselves from the accessories of civilization—that they must undergo considerable privation. Nothing could more agreeably correct this impression than a stay of a few days in Jacksonville. All the characteristics have crept into the young Florida metropolis. Such good hotels as the St. James and the National, such well-ordered streets, such charming suburbs as 'Brooklyn' and 'Riverside' and 'La Villa' and 'Wyoming,' where the invalid can find the coveted repose and enjoy the delicious climate; such an abundance of newspapers and books, of carriages and saddle-horses, and such convenient access to all other desirable points along the great river, as one finds, are sufficient to satisfy even the most querulous. Jacksonville is filled with pleasant houses, where lodgings are had, and from December until April its population is doubled; society is active; excursions, parties, and receptions occur almost daily; gayety rules the hour. For it is not invalids who crowd Florida now-a-days, but the wealthy and the well. One-fourth of the annual visitors are in pursuit of health; the others are crusading to find the phantom pleasure. Fully one-half of the resident population of Jacksonville is Northern, and has settled there since the war. The winter evenings are especially pleasant. In the early days of December the mercury during the day ranges from seventy-nine degrees to eighty degrees, but at nightfall sinks to seventy degrees, and the cool breeze from the river produces a most delicious temperature.

HEALTHFULNESS.

What is said of Jacksonville applies equally as well to other places in the peninsula. Hibernia, on an island in the St. John's river, and Magnolia, near by it, which contains a large establishment, erected many years ago, especially for invalids, are much frequented by Northerners. Throughout the winter months these health resorts have the climate of Indian summer, and at Green Cove Spring,—just above Magnolia, where there are sulphur waters of peculiar healing virtues in rheumatism and dyspepsia,—a goodly company usually assembles with the first advent of "the season." Palatka is a very pretty town of fifteen hundred inhabitants, on the same river. It is also a favorite resort, and the facilities for travel on the river to this point are pronounced quite as numerous and as good as those upon the Hudson. Consumptives from the North return yearly to this place, in the vivifying and delicious climate of which they find an arrest of the decree that death has apparently signed against them. "The town of Palatka is backed by an interminable pine forest, through which run but few roads; but the ample space along the river front abounds in grand groves of live oak, with the cool mosses, hung in most ravishingly artistic forms; and the wild orange grows in the streets. The town has a cheery, neat, New England look; the white painted houses, with their porches nestling in vines and shrubbery, invite to repose. The two old-fashioned, roomy hotels are cool and comfortable. The mornings in December, January, February, and March—the four absolutely perfect months of eastern Florida—are wonderfully soft and balmy; the sun shines generously, but there is no suspicion of annoying heat. The breeze gently rustles the enormous leaves of the banana, or playfully tumbles a golden orange to the ground. The giant cactus in a neighboring garden peers out from among the fruit trees like some scaly monster. The art of the 'cracker,' (the native farmer's appellation,) laden with game and vegetables, plies from door to door, and wild turkeys and dappled deer are purchased for dinner. Little parties lazily bestow themselves along the river bank, with books or sketching materials, and alternately work, doze, or gossip. At evening a splendid white moonlight transfigures a scene which is unrivaled in the Indies. But the great Rebellion, like all great wars, taught important lessons, and profiting by one of these, a sanitarian was found in Florida where hosts of invalids and pleasure-seekers now annually resort to enjoy a salubrity of temperature and a wealth of natural beauty unsurpassed in the world.

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In combining most of the tropical growth and jungle life found in the three continents, and yet is comparatively free from the dangerous surroundings and malarious exhalations which render similar portions of the eastern hemisphere so dangerous to human life.

ITS DELIGHTFUL CLIMATE.

Great as this historical interest undoubtedly is, it is yet but one of the many attractions of Florida. The austere Northerner and the cynical European," says a recent magazine writer, "have been heard to murmur incredulously at the tales of the modern writers who grow enthusiastic over the charms of our new winter paradise. Yet what of fiction could exceed in romantic interest the history of this venerable State? What poet's imagination seven times heated could paint foliage whose splendors should surpass that of the vir